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ALL AMERICA ENJOYS VICTORY CHRISTMAS

Entire Nation Celebrates Yuletide Season With Joy Over Peace.

Washington, Dec 25—America today celebrated a victory Christmas

With the world at peace for the first Christmas since 1913, the American people appeared determined to make today's celebration memorable This determination seemed to have been intensified by President Wilson's Christmas message to the American people saying that "throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war public opinion strongly sustains all proposals for a just and lasting peace."

GREAT GIFT GIVING.

A return to the merry Christmas of former years was apparent throughout the nation. Business reviews showed that despite the uncertainties of reconstruction the old spirit of giving has been revived

In the celebration of th evictory Christmas the soldiers and sailors who made such a Christmas possible, had a large part. Though a large proportion of the military force of the nation remained overseas, those who have returned were given a welcome in every community and had a large part in the day s celebration.

NO WHITE HOUSE CELEBRATION

In Washington the day was celebrated quietly, but whole-heartedly For the first time in the nation's history Christmas was not observed at the White House President Wilson in France for the peace conference spent the day with the American troops at the front Members of the cabinet and of Congress spent the day with their families

Secretary Daniels was to leave Washington late today for New York to welcome home units of the American fleet which have been in the war zone. Secretary Baker attended a Christmas celebration for the poor children of the city, held in the rotunda of the Capitol Assisted by 500 soldiers from nearby camps, the war secretary acted as a chief Santa Claus for the children.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

To the folks at home, President Wilson, himself spending Christmas in another land by reason of his attendance at the preliminary meetings of the peace conference, sent a message of assurance that the boys in France were "in fine form and in fine spirits." The president in his message which was cabled to this country from France and given out at the White House, said.

"I hope that it will cheer the people at home to know that I find their boys over here in fine form and in fine spirits, esteemed by all those with whom they have been associated in the war and trusted wherever they go, and they will also, I am sure, be cheered by the knowledge of the fact that throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war, public opinion strongly sustains all proposals for a just and lasting peace and a close cooperation of the self-governing peoples of the world in making that peace secure after its present settlements are formulated Nothing could constitute a more acceptable Christmas reassurance than the sentiments which I find everywhere prevalent."

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

Messages also were exchanged between the American armies in France and the forces at home. Gen. Pershing sending a message to Gen March, chief of staff, to which the latter replied.

Secretary Daniels sent broad-cast by wireless to the units of the navy in all parts of the world a Christmas message.

In extending holiday greetings "to our own country and to the nations of the earth," Secretary of the Treasury Glass said, "the fervent prayer of every patriot should be that this Christmas day of 1918 may be the sure barbinger of a 'peace on earth, good will to men' that will endure forever."

Food Administrator Hoover, who is in Europe arranging relief for the peoples of the war devastated countries, cabled his greetings to all food administration officials and employes with a message to the American people "that some task yet remains before us,' as "Europe will be another six months in recovering from its main food difficulties"

W. HOHENZOLLERN'S HEALTH IS BETTER

Ex-Emperor Stays in Closely and Guards Against Any Exposure to Weather.

[By Associated Press]

Amerongen, Holland, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—William Hohenzollern's health shows a marked improvement but he is still compelled to exercise the greatest precautions owing to the penetrating and damp cold weather.

Since Saturday the former emperor has not left his apartments, but has been able to join the members of his retinue at all meals. He occupies other periods of the day in reading hundreds of letters reaching him from all parts of the world. He receives only an occasional telegram and these rarely evoke a reply. Several days during his illness the ex-emperor saw only his wife and his immediate attendants.

The former empress also remains in her apartment, not even going into the gardens within the surrounding moats

This morning a Christmas tree was brought into the castle for tonight's celebration, which will be a most unpretentious affair. Those participating besides the ex-emperor and empress will be a number of officers who resigned their commission in the Germany army in order to remain in the vicinity of their former rulers retreat and household servants and orderlies.

Several of these officers were busy throughout the day arranging the details of the celebration in which Count von Bentinck will participate They purchased presents which the former emperor and empress will exchange, according to custom and also gifts for their attendants.

The ex-emperor is as yet undecided about making a public declaration and still declines to receive any correspondents

CRANE TELLS OF RUSSIAN TRAGEDY

Seattle, Wash, Dec 25—Charles R Crane, former member of the Root commission to Russia, just back from Siberia and the orient, yesterday said

"No one knows anything about Russia it is a tragedy. There are two things which stand out distinctly which are desperately needed—maintenance of the trans-Siberian railway and the absolute need of Russia for relief."

Men who possessed great knowledge of Russia prior to the war and even during her participation in the war, Mr Crane believes, cannot give reliable views on the country. To supply food and relief and save the country from a dangerous position he said, the trans-Siberian railway must be improved and kept in steady operation.

CHICAGO BANDITS GET $100,000 GEMS

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Mose Iralson, a diamond merchant with offices in the Chicago Savings Bank and Trust company building, was robbed of gems valued at between $100,000 and $125,000 yesterday afternoon in one of the most daring daylight hold-ups in the history of Chicago.

The roobery took place at the busiest time of the day on the busiest day of the year in an office just seven stories above one of the busiest corners in the down town district Iralson was talking with a friend when four men entered his office and pointed pistols at them. The robbers then bound Iralson and his friend with picture frame wire and leaving them lying face downward on the floor ransacked the safe

After obtaining all the diamonds in the vault the robbers fled, but as they left the building they encountered a special policeman whose suspicions were aroused by their haste. The policeman fired one shot which is believed to have struck one of the robbers before he was overpowered The four then escaped in an automobile

NO AMNESTY FOR 300 OBJECTORS

Washington, Dec. 25—Secretary Baker declined yesterday to grant general amnesty to 300 or more conscientious objectors held in military custody for having refused to perform any kind of work in connection with the army after being called for service under the selective draft law

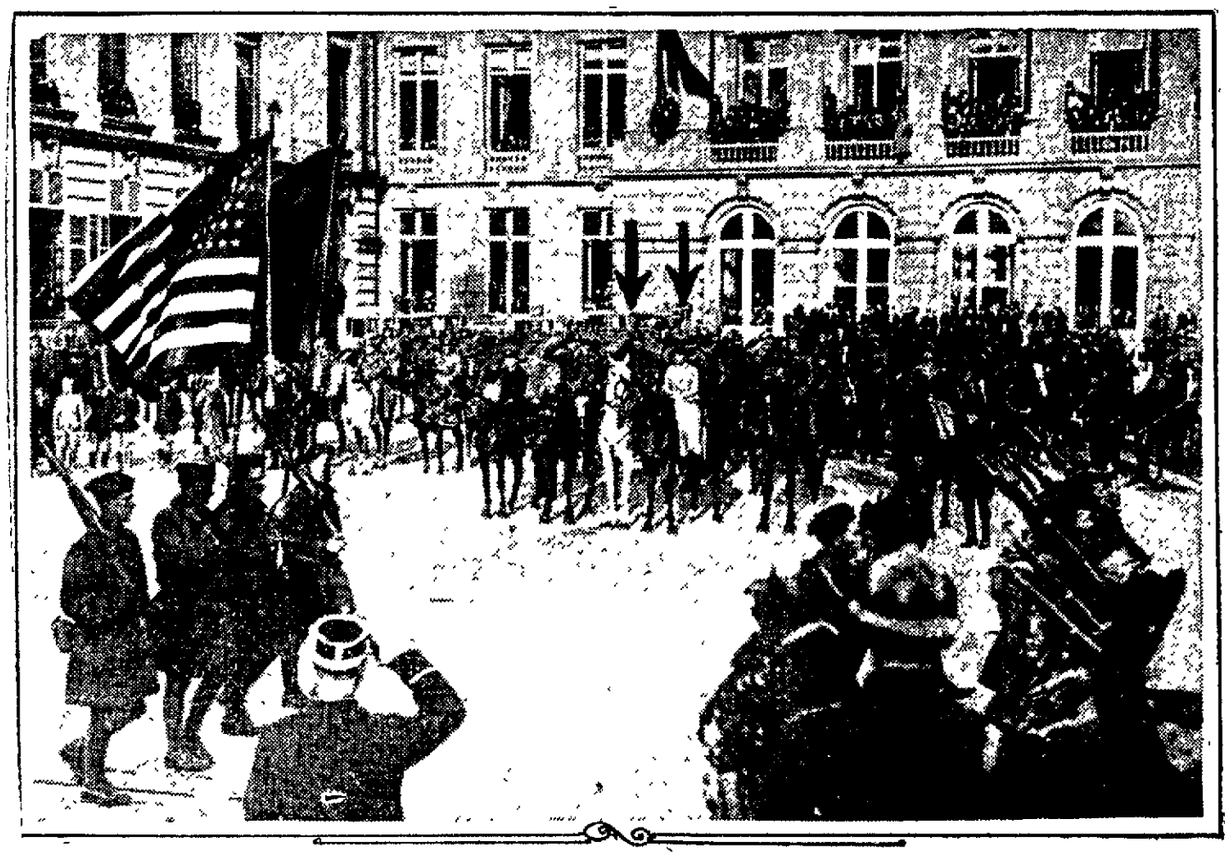
A committee styling itself as representing the friends of conscientious objectors called upon Mr. Baker to urge that blanket pardon be given the men in custody as a Christmas present and presented a petition said to bear 15,000 signatures The secretary informed the committee that the cases involved differed so radically from each other it did not appear that any general policy would be laid down, but that each case must be dealt with on its merits

A commission is now studying the problem for the war department it was announced and no formal statement of the attitude of the government nor any final action on these cases could be expected until the report of this commission has been received and studied

PARIS GIVES O. K. TO GASOLINE SALE

Paris, Dec. 25 (Havas)—A decree published today re-establishes the free sale and use of petroleum beginning on Jan. 1. The decree also permits the free sale and use of automobiles, excepting those not licensed for commercial purposes. Automobiles in the latter class are still subject to certain restrictions

When the Americans Entered Brussels the King and Queen Saluted Old Glory



The picture shows American color-bearers at the left carrying the Stars and Stripes as American infantrymen parade past the king and queen of the Belgians, shown in the center, King Albert on his war horse saluting the American flag as it enters Brussels, his redeemed capital city.

HAD WEDDING CHRISTMAS EVE

Mack Vandeventer and Miss Clo Patterson.

The wedding of Miss Clo Patterson and Mack Van Deventer took place at 8 o'clock Tuesday night at the home of the brides parents, Mr and Mrs. David Patterson, Jr., on North Main street The house was decorated in the Christmas colors and Rev. W H. Penhallegon performed the simple ring ceremony before a large brilliantly lighted Christmas tree About the house poinsettias Christmas bells and red roses added to the Christmas setting for the wedding

The bride wore a gown of white Georgette over white satin, a long white veil and carried a bouquet of white roses and baby breath The couple were unattended The wedding music was played by Miss Diane Conklin

Following the ceremony light refreshments were served to the fifty relatives and friends present.

An out of town guest was Kenneth Caldwell of Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Deventer will remain in the city for a few days leaving for their new home in Pittsburgh, Pa., about the first of the year.

Mr Van Deventer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs C. J. Van Deventer, is a mechanical engineer and is employed at Pittsburgh with the U S Steel corporation; on some of the biggest work of that great organization

The young couple received many beautiful gifts of cut glass, silver, china and several hundred dollars in gold

EX-EMPEROR AND OTHERS TO BLAME

Washington, Dec 25—Responsibility for the war and its prolongation is ascribed by Mr Kautsky, commissary of the People of the German Foreign office to the following:

"First, the German emperor and the crown prince; second, Gen Ludendorff and Admiral von Tirpitz; third the great industrial concerns and fourth the pan-Germans."

This view of Mr. Kautsky, who is examining documents in the archives of the foreign ministry was given to a correspondent of the Petit Parisien, in an interview, quotations from which reached Washington today in official dispatches.

The documents so far as examined Kautsky said, prove the truth of statements made by Dr. Muelhon, director of the Krupp factories, and by Prince Lichnowski, German ambassador to England at the outbreak of the war, both of whom have laid the war at Germany's doors.

The first part of the documents relating to the cause of the war will be made public within a month, Kautsky said, and at the same time the Austrian government will publish some of the documents found in the archives of the Ball Platz.

SAYS RUSSIA NEEDS 200,000 ALLIED TROOPS

Paris Dec 25—Prince Lvoff, who is the guest of Basile Maklakof Russian ambassador to France, and who is participating in the lengthy conferences being held here by Russian statesmen, discussed his views of the immediate future in Russia with the representative of The Associated Press He said

'Additional Entente military forces are necessary to restore order and check anarchy in Russia. It is impossible for the disorganized country to right itself otherwise

'I am not a military expert," he said when asked how many troops would not be necessary," and my opinion on that subject would be of little value, but in my judgment 200,000 soldiers would be adequate. The opposition is weak Petrograd practically has ceased to exist and could be taken with slight resistance'

In reply to a question as to what form of government would be best for Russia Prince Lvoff said that it must be a republic.

Paul N. Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister, who was ordered to leave France because of alleged passport irregularities, has gone to London, He was accompanied by several politicians from Ukraine who came from Odessa with him

TALKED MOROCCAN QUESTION OVER

Paris, Dec 25—(Havas)—On his return to Madrid Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, it is understood, expressed satisfaction over the result of his conferences with French and American statesmen during his recent visit to Paris He discussed with them the Moroccan question and the future status of Gibraltar

It has been reported that Premier Romanones plans to return to Paris in the near future to confer with Allied and American representatives again It is declared in some quarters that he contemplates raising the question of the return of Gibraltar to Spain and the ceding to Great Britain of Ceuta on the Moroccan side of the strait.

TEN MILLION IN BONUSES

Chicago, Dec. 25—Ten million dollars in Christmas bonuses were given in Chicago to employes by their employers this Yuletide, according to estimates made public today by the Association of Commerce. This, it is stated, is the greatest sum ever distributed in this city in the form of holiday bonuses.

SIX KILLED IN OKLAHOMA WRECK

Oklahoma City, Okla, Dec. 25—Six persons were killed and a number injured in a wreck between a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train from this city and a freight train at Norge, Grady county, ten miles southwest of Chickasha, according to telephone reports received here early this morning.

THREE SHIFT PLAN AT BIG FOUR SHOPS

Mattoon, Dec 25—The employes of the mechanical department at the big four shops bega work Monday on a three-shift plan. The first shift began at 7 a m, the second at 3 p m, and the third at 11 p. m, each shift to be eight hours long

Memorial services for Lawrence Scott Riddle, who was killed in France on Nov. 10, were held Sunday evening at the Fi - Presbyterian church The young man was a prominent worker in that church

14 Carloads Of Packages For Yanks Overseas

[By Associated Press]

Coblenz, Dec 23—Fourteen carloads of Christmas packages from the United States arrived here today. These are for the division of American troops along the line and distribution will be started immediately by means of motor trucks and the railroads. Hundreds of soldiers have been pressed into service to assist the civilian mail employes during the Christmas rush

Word reached the transportation bureau of the Third army that more than 200 Knights of Columbus and Y. M C A. entertainers are on the way to the occupied territory by special train to give entertainments for the soldiers at various points on Christmas eve and Christmas day.

To add to the cheer of the soldiers on Christmas orders have been issued that drills will be dispensed with on Christmas and for a week there will be drills only in the morning With their afternoon free, the soldiers are planning many sightseeing trips.

GENERAL RHODES IS IMPROVING

Paris, Dec 25—(Havas)—The condition of Major-General Charles D. Rhodes, head of the American armistice commission, who was injured in the fall of an airplane near Paris on Monday, continued to show improvement today. Unless unforeseen complications occur his complete recovery may be expected

DISORDERS IN BARCELONA

[By Associated Press]

Barcelona, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—Disorders occurred here during last night between groups representing the autonomy party and others from the Spanish Unity party A police lieutenant was shot and killed.

ENGLAND RAPS CABLE CONTROL

New York, Dec. 25—The British Government has notified the Commercial Cable company that it may assist the Western Union Telegraph company in handling cable traffic from Great Britain while the latter company's service is interrupted only "on condition that no control be exercised from America," according to a statement issued here by William J. Deegan, secretary of the Mackay companies

"This means," Mr. Deegan said, "that the cable companies must ignore any instructions from Mr. Burleson or his representatives, in so far as the operation of the cables landing in Great Britain is concerned. This message knocks Mr. Burleson's cable control higher than a kite' The British Government refuses, and rightly refuses, to allow the American postmaster general to invade, Great Britain, just as the American Government would object to any attempt of the British postmaster general to dictate the operation of the American ends of the cables"

NO FEAR AS TO SOCIALISTIC ISSUE

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Cardinal Gibbons in a statements yesterday said that he had no fear that socialism would become an issue to be decided in the period of reconstruction and that the good sense of the American people would check any social upheaval. He said.

"We ought to rejoice particularly on this Christmas occasion because it is the first Christmas in five years that we have had the happiness of celebrating in the midst of universal peace, either actually attained or dawning upon us.

"And I think, too, that the example of energy we set in the prosecution of the war is a matter for rejoicing, for it has shown the world the capacity of America and Americans. We have sent to the fighting forces provisions and munitions of war in enormous quantities, we have sent billions of money and millions of men and for this tremendous effort on the part of America we ask, so far as I can learn, no compensation. we ask neither an inch of territory nor a dollar in money. Our only reward is to be the consciousness of having done our duty, of having helped to make the world free and having helped to win a just and glorious peace

YANKS HAVE BIG CANDLE SUPPLY

Washington, Dec. 25—The signing of the armistice left the American expeditionary forces in France with enough candles to keep one burning continuously for 5,250 years, according to an official statement from the office of the director of purchase and storage of the War Department The primary use of the candles was to furnish light in the trenches and dug-outs.

$300,000 FIRE BLOOMINGTON

Big Department Store Destroyed in Early Morning Blaze.

Bloomington, Dec. 25.—A fire loss amounting to $300,000 dollars occurred here this morning, as a result of the burning of the Newmarket department store at Center and Front streets, together with adjoining buildings.

The blaze is believed to have started in a tailor shop of Fred Rush, in the basement of the Newmarket building, an electric iron being left with the power turned on. The fire broke out about 4 o'clock and was first discovered by a traveling man who was going to catch a train. He was a stranger and did not know the location of the engine houses, but set up lusty calls of "fire! fire!" and within half an hour one-third of the populace of the city was attracted to the scene of the conflagration.

BUILDINGS DAMAGED.

The buildings destroyed were as follows. Newmarket main building and three annexes, one on Center and two on Front street, old saloon building at Madison and Front streets Those partly destroyed were the Chris Phillos building on Center street, the Sam Waldman building adjoining it to the north, John M Miller drug-store building, and the George S. Hanna building containing the Postal Telegraph office Trades Assembly hall, a number of physicians, dentists and real estate offices. The fire was under control at 7 o'clock.

President Was Lost In Paris

French Boys Show American Executive His Way.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 24—L'Intransigent, describing President Wilson's shopping tour with Mrs. Wilson, says that the couple while strolling through the crowded shopping center yesterday lost their way and asked two little boys where they were. The lads gave the needed information and the one of them doffing his cap, astonished the president by asking:

"Might one shake hands with Monsieur Le President?' The president shook hands with both boys heartily and wished them a merry Christmas before proceeding on his way.

After calling on Premier Clemenceau the president had his first experience with Parisian taxi drivers. He went down town to continue his shopping, intended to walk home, but rain set in and he was obliged to call a cab or taxi, which in the present crowded condition of the capital, is a complicated and often an exasperating experience, cabmen and taxi drivers general being masters of the situation. President Wilson, however, though unrecognized got through the ordeal without difficulty.

Late this afternoon President Wilson conferred with members of the American shipping board and then called upon Premier Clemenceau to say that he was going away for a week.

Mrs. Wilson went down town during the day to purchase store cakes and candy which she sent for distribution among Parisian orphan asylums.

PRESIDENT AT CHAUMONT

By Associated Press.

Chaumont, Dec. 25—President Wilson reached here from Paris early this morning for his Christmas day visit to the American troops. His train was held outside the town for a time in accord with the program of the local officials. At 9 o'clock he entered Chaumont, as had been arranged.

The president played in luck again on the weather, for while it seemed to the visiting party to be cold and bleak and rain was apparently threatening, the American troops at headquarters declared the day was really a fine one for this region at this season.

A guard of French and American troops received the president at the station General Pershing greeted him as he arrived in the city, as did the mayor and the prefect. There was a reception at the city hall.

The president's first contact with the American army in the field quarters was when he found a soldier on guard outside his car.

The strapping fellow who has been asigned for this duty saluted the president, who wished him a merry Christmas and made him the proudest soldier in France.

All along the latter part of the route into Chaumont, which was traversed by daylight, the troops, were clustered on locomotives in the yards; waiting to get a glimpse of their commander-in-chief and shout him a merry Christmas.

ITALIANS TELL OF OPPRESSION

Deputies from Redeemed Provinces Gives Facts to U. S. Mission.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—Italian deputies of the redeemed provinces, who represented their districts in Vienna and Budapest parliaments and came to Paris to submit their case to the American mission, have presented to Colonel E. M. House, a memorial to President Wilson. The deputies at Pitacco for Trieste; Bennati for Istria; Zanella for Fiume, and Ghigle Anovich for Zara.

The memorial recites that their country has been for two thousand years Italian; that Trieste has suffered under Austrian oppression for five centuries and Dalmatia since 1797 has stood all kinds of persecutions to defend its nationality. The people of the districts, says the memorial, have fought in all wars for Italian independence.

Regarding the annexation of Trentino, Trieste and Istria the memorial says there is no question that can be raised, but adds that Fiume being a free city, similar to Bremen and Lubeck, has the right to decide its own government and any contrary decision would be against the principles proclaimed by President Wilson. Fiume already has shown by a plebiscite her determination to be united with Italy.

Dalmatia has 310 miles of coast of which Italy claims less than 100 miles comprising the cities of Zara, Sebenico and Spalato, besides the greatest part of the Dalmatian isles.

Austrian statistics, says the memorial, show that the majority of the population are Slavs in Spalato and Sebenico, but they are as Italian as they are French in those districts of Alsace-Lorraine where German statistics show sixty-seven per cent of the German population are Jugo-Slavs. Besides the ports of Antivari and Dulcigno, formerly belonging to Montenegro, and eventually that of Scutari the districts will have the excellent ports of Portore, Baccari, Segni, Metcouich, Ragusa, and the military part of Cattaro capable of sheltering the entire American fleet. These ports are connected by railway to Mostar, Serajevo, Belgarde and Agram, thus assuring to Serbia, Croatia, Slavonia, Bosnia and Herzgovina direct communication to the sea. Furthermore, it says in conclusion that Italy is ready to make Trieste and Fiume free ports for every country

CHAPMAN, NOTED EVANGELIST, DEAD

New York, Dec. 25—Rev. Dr. J Wilbur Chapman, noted as an evangelist, died here today He was operated upon a few days ago.

KNOWN IN DECATUR

Many Decatur people will regret to hear of the death of Mr Chapman He was well known to a good many people in this city. About twenty years ago he conducted a union revival meeting in this city, which was one of the outstanding revivals of Decatur. Since then he has been here a number of times for conferences or other meetings

Mr. Chapman attended the last meeting of the Illinois Presbyterian synod at Peoria a year ago October and made two addresses at that gathering.

He was arranging for a big Presbyterian conference to be held in Chicago Feb. 11. Just a few days ago Rev. J. W. McDonald had a letter from him regarding that conference. He has been one of the prominent speakers at the Winona Lake conferences which many Decatur people have attended

He has influenced directly a great many ministers and laymen in and around Decatur.

LONDON PAPER'S TRIBUTE TO HINES

London, Dec. 24—The London newspapers devote considerable space to notices of the death of former Ambassador Walter Hines Page, several using the headline "A Great Ambassador."

The Weather



Chicago, Dec 26—Following are the weather indications for Illinois for thirty-six hours, ending at 7 00 p. m. Thursday:

Fair in south unsettled in north portion tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday and in northwest portion tonight.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS

Following is the range of temperature as recorded by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, United States weather observer.

7 p.m. Tuesday	25
7 a.m. Wednesday	20
Noon Wednesday	25
Highest Tuesday	30
Lowest Wednesday	20
Sun rises (standard time)	7:19
Sun sets	4:35

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PRAISES WORK OF SHELBY SOLDIERS

Capt. C. F. Lauer Commends "33rd. Boys."

Shelbyville, Dec. 25—Capt Carl F Lauer, who went to France as Chaplain of the 130th U. S. infantry and is now captain of the general staff, gives high commendation and praise to the boys of the Prairie Division, the 33d, for their gallantry in battle and the cleanliness with which they have lived "over there" In a letter to the Rev. J. L Douthit

MOVEMENT OF 33RD SOLDIERS

Capt. Lauer tells of the movements of the 33d division from the time they steamed into the harbor at Brest, May 24, until the order came at 11 a. m. Nov. 11, 'Cease firing' He details their participation in some of the bloodiest battles of the war, and gives them credit for a very large part in turning the tide of battle and stemming the advance of the Huns His letter follows

'France, Nov 28, 1918

"Dear Mr. Douthit:

"A copy of "Our Best Words" (Mr Douthit's paper), the September issue, just reached me and reminded me of home and friends Now that the war is practically over, news as to how it was done will be supplied liberally I am going to take you with me for a little journey and am going to try to give you a few facts and impressions in a homely way, just as though we had met in the Union office as of yore

"On May 24, the old Kaiser Wilhelm II, now the Agememnon, slowly crept into the harbor at Brest and dropped anchor alongside the transport that harbored some 40,000 lads anxious to get at Fritz and his pirate crew Our ship was one of the speediest in the service so we were unloaded first, that she could go back after more

TRIP NOT SOON FORGOTTEN

"Our trip through the picturesque provinces of Brittany, Normandy and Picardy will not soon be forgotten, but it was not sight-seeing that we were out for We had business on hand. We met up with it on the Somme Our first fighting was with the Australians on July 4, in Hamel Wood This is an epoch in our history, not only because we had a taste of hard fighting, but because it was the victory that stopped the advance of the victorious German army

'Chipilly and Gressaire Wood will live as long as the story of the war is told We took a prominent part in both of these engagements Many a mound bears testimony to the fierceness with which the ground was held and taken

SAW FIRST BATTLEFIELD

'With the British we shared honors in the defense of Amiens and helped to smash Fritz's counter attack at Morlancourt Here I saw my first battlefield The tide had swayed back and forth four days The trenches in front of Morlancourt changed hands almost daily There was no chance to bury the dead. Tommy Fritz and Yank covered the fields It was a horrible sight but it was the beginning of the end Fritz never did get the initiative

We slept underground all the time The deeper we could dig, the safer I don't recall a single night in that whole sector, that we were not visited by bombing squadrons. Some of the holes made by the explosion of the aerial torpedoes would swallow up your house Of course it was some jar but we got used to it

ARGONNE DRIVE

"Our next move brought up into a French sector The Big Argonne drive was on We were assigned the lowlands along the Meuse I said lowlands but that's a misnomer This entire country is a maze of hills, gulches swamps

"If you have a good sized atlas you can follow us We started at Forges on the left bank of the river and went north as far as Brieulles Dead Man's Hill, the old battle ground was taken and held by us

TOOK 2,000 HUS

We started back with one brigade We began at Brabant, on the right bank, took Consenvoye, Sivrey and were headed toward Haramount In this sector some of the bloodiest battles of the war were fought Fritz sent the Prussian guard, his picked assault battalions, plus the pick of the Austro-Hungarian army, against us Our division alone took over 2,000 prisoners and vast quantities of material We never gave him a moment's rest For 2 days our lads held the lines and if there are any troops in the army that deserve recognition by the people back home, it's the Prairie division The glorious traditions of Grant and Logan, and the modesty and reliability of Honest Abe were upheld

"After we had finished our assigned task we were due for a much needed rest. We were sent to the reclaimed St Mihiel salient and went into the front line There had been no real activity there for months, but the day we landed things began to happen Before we could even establish headquarters prisoners were brought in and in a few days it became a hot place We held the line from Fresnoy to Jenville Every night patrols and raids added to our number captured. Fritz had orders to hold the line at all costs, as it was the only strongly fortified line in front of Metz If this line gave way there was little to stop us from reaching the coveted city of Metz In the hard fighting we annexed Marcheville, Riaville, Butnegeville, Pintheville, Wees and were in the Woods of Harville and in front of the city of the same name

"It was at this time that the Austrians quit the game A whole Austro-Hungarian division was in front of us, but Fritz wisely pulled them out in time and substituted some of his own choice divisions. The artillery of both sides hammered day and night It was anything but a rest sector.

WHEN FIGHTING STOPPED

'Nov. 11, 11 a. m., caught us in the midst of a big offensive, that would have put us on the road to Conflans It would have cost many lives but would have contributed to the general enemy rout

"When the order, "Cease Firing" was flashed you could see the difference between the contending troops. In the enemy trenches the mob spirit was evident Officers were insulted, the long pent up dissatisfaction and despair vented itself in boisterous behavior Our boys were thankful that the end had come, but it showed itself in a quiet, confident deportment They were gentlemen and soldiers, just as they had been in battle

'I know you would have been proud of them at that moment; they reflected the spirit that brought America into the war.

DIDN'T SEEK NOTORIETY

'We were not featured in the press at home as much as some outfits were We didn't seek [illegible] we know, that not a division in France saw more ha[illegible] fighting in six months than did the boys from Illinois

'We did not lose a foot of ground True, we did have to withdraw from positions we had taken, because the flank positions could not make the grade, but we went back every time and carried our ground The records will show that we [illegible] fective assigned to us, on schedule time We [illegible] the [illegible] tralian, British, French and American high commands

"During our service in France not a single man was tried by a general court martial Our men fought a good fight, they have lived clean lives, venereal disease is practically unknown in our regiments our men are better off in every way for their having been here

"I regret in a way that I will not be with them when they return to their home stations as you know, a tent will have to be pitched elsewhere This much I promise you now —you gave us the best you had in boys we are returning them to you men—men whose influence is going to count in making the United States better for them and for their children I count it a privilege in having been premitted to serve them and with them

"Where we go from here is not yet disclosed We will see this business to an end, then "Home, Sweet Home."

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in good health and spirits is my wish to you

"Sincerely yours,

"C F. LAUER

Captain General Staff, Hqrs 33rd Division, A. P O. 750.

MRS. LOTHERY DIES IN SHELBYVILLE

Shelbyville, Dec 25—Mrs Sarah Lothery, a resident of this city for many years, died at her home here Tuesday She was born in 1868, and in her young womanhood was married to Charles Lothery To this union three children were born, and all of them survive. They are, Mrs Chester Henning of Coraopolis, Pa., Mrs. Robert Granthaus of San Francisco, Cal., and Harry Lothery, with whom she made her home She also is survived by her father, Robert Reeves, a sister, Mrs George Henton, both of this city and a brother, John Reeves of Decatur.

OTHER NEWS.

Rev H. H. Peters, field secretary for the Christian church in Illinois, spent Sunday in this city, the guest of Rev. and Mrs N H Robertson While here he met a committee from the local Christian church, and a county organization was effected, as follows:

President—Rev N. H Robertson, Shelbyville.

Vice president—Rev H D Palmer, Moweaqua.

Secretary-treasurer— Ernest Vennum Findlay

Following their usual custom, the Brotherhood of the Christian church is remembering the needy poor of the city at Christmas tide Thirty-five baskets were delivered Tuesday, which will bring cheer and Christmas joy to many hearts

Lawrence White a son of Joe White, is seriously ill at the family home southwest of the city He first had pneumonia, which developed into pleurisy

Sergeant F C Westervelt, former cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Findlay has arrived from New York to spend a five-days furlough with his wife and babe at the home of his parents, Dr and Mrs J. C Westervelt.

Westervelt is quartermaster sergeant with the transport department in New York City

Another of the boys who is here to spend his Christmas furlough is Bertram Wallace Formerly at Chanute Field, he is now with the 52d aero, squadron, New York He has a leave of six days He is the guest of his parents, Attorney and Mrs W O Wallace

Russell Orberg is here from Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs Peter Orberg

SCHOOLS TO REOPEN

Owing to the impovement in the influenza situation, the board of health has granted permission for the reopening of schools next Monday, Dec 30, providing there is no further spread of the disease in the city This action applies both to the public schools and Sparks Business College

MORRISONVILLE.

Morrisonville—C B Floyd was in Shelbyville Friday.

Mr and Mrs J. J. Murphy were in Decatur Friday.

O. F. Ganer was in Staunton Friday.

Private Henry Wolff and Private Cress arrived home Friday from Camp Taylor, Kentucky, having had their honorable discharge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs Newman Partin Friday, Dec. 20 a daughter.

Mrs E S Shull and Mrs. A T Gibson were in Decatur Friday.

Mrs J M Storm and daughters the Misses Mona and Tern arrived Friday from Champaign for a visit with J M Storm.

Lawrence Manning and Miss Lucy Manning are home from Danville Ind where they are attending school, to spend their Christmas vacation.

Clifford Daubio and Herman Oldham arrived home Friday from Champaign for a visit with home folks

Miss Myrtle Vausant of St. Louis is visiting home folks.

Schuyler Miller who has been working in Slagle, West Virginia, the past year, is here for a visit with old friends.

Elwood Kline arrived Saturday from Peoria for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kline.

Private Arthur Steele is home from Camp Taylor, Kentucky, having had an honorable discharge.

Little Miss Madeline Becker entertained a number of little tots Saturday afternoon at the home of her aunt, Miss Margaret Jones.

Mrs. Homer Funderburk returned Saturday from her visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. Otis Mayberry and children arrived Sunday from Indianapolis, Ind., to visit Mr and Mrs John Gifford

Otto Ganer Jr. came up from St Louis Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O F Ganer

Sergeant Chester Dodson and Private Flo Weatherford arrived Sunday from Camp Taylor to spend Christmas with home folks.

Roy Weatherford left Sunday for East St. Louis, where he expects to work.

Private George Wilson arrived home from Camp Taylor Kentucky, Sunday

Mrs. Margaret Easley returned Sunday from a visit with relatives in Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Tessa Nooman is home from St. Louis, where she underwent an operation several weeks ago.

Miss Theresa McReynolds arrived Sunday from Mt. Vernon for a visit with her father, D M. McReynolds.

The Misses Vera and Josephine Honnies of Blue Mound are here visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Killer.

Mrs. Mary Bohn went to St. Louis Monday to spend Christmas with friends

Mr. and Mrs Herbert Haywood were St Louis Monday.

Francis Leathers arrived Monday from Detroit, Mich. to visit his grandmother Mrs. T. Lynch

Private Charles Ferry is here from Camp Taylor, Ky., visiting his sister, Mrs. Wester McElroy

Mrs. Mary Gardener of Decatur is the guest of her daughter Miss Rose Gardener

Mrs. G. A Craig and Miss Virginia Ferguson went to St. Louis Mo., Monday to visit relatives.

Miss Toland Lloyd is home from Decatur, where she attends the Millikin.

TOLONO.

Lewis Sands has arrived home from Camp McArthur Tex where he had been in an officers' training school

Mrs James Bates and children are visiting relatives in Chicago. Mr. Bates was called there the first of the week on account of the illness of their son.

Mrs. J. R. Marquiss of Monticello spent last week here with her father, J. P. Crawford.

Ed. Burton and wife have purchased property in Champaign and have moved there.

Frank Gorman who is stationed at Camp Grant is here spending a ten days' furlough with his mother Mrs Katherine Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kimmel are here visiting with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs E B Armstrong Later they will go to Duquoin, to make their home

Mrs Frances Danison a nurse has returned to her home at Champaign after spending several days with Mrs. W. V. Pagenpohl.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burroughs of Decatur are here spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Burroughs.

Miss Alice Maguire who has been training in a Chicago hospital arrived home Saturday.

MONTICELLO.

The residence belonging to the Rev David N. Kemper estate has been sold to Lavin... Bloomingdale. Consideration $1700.

A. A Phenais and wife were called to West Liberty, Ind., last week by the serious illness of his brother, W. H. Phenais who had influenza. He died Friday.

Mrs. Mamie Bradley left Monday for Cleveland, O., to visit her son, Arthur and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Purcell went to White Heath Tuesday to spend Christmas with his brother, George Purcell.

Relatives from Monticello were called to Champaign by the death of Royal Rankin, a former resident of this county. He died of influenza. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rankin of this city.

Miss Kathryn Kastel went to Danville Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. W. W. Weaver and family.

Wallace Platt was operated on Friday at the Macon county hospital for appendicitis.

Greetings

A Merry Christmas **implies** *Good Health*

Good Health **demands** *Good Eyesight*

Our enjoyment of the Holiday Season is made more happy through our knowledge that our services have aided so many people to retain and improve their most valuable sense—VISION.

We beg to thank you for the generous patronage given us this past year, and assure you that the same RELIABLE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE will be at your disposal in 1919.

This being a season of Good Will and Kindly Thoughts, we wish all of our friends and patrons

A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

OPTOMETRIST
J. Frank Wallace
EYE SERVICE

256 North Main Street

WE

have been more than pleased with the generous patronage accorded us this past year by the people of Decatur and vicinity. It has been a splendid tribute to the Quality of our Merchandise and a compliment to the Service we have rendered. Our one

WISH

today is that our patrons ALL are enjoying this Christmas as they never enjoyed the day before, and that the purchases they made of us have had some part in furthering that enjoyment.

YOU

must, in the very nature of things, when you buy our merchandise, place your main reliance on our reputation for "being square"—on our honesty and fair dealing. We rejoice that this is so, and that the trust, thus reposed in us by the public, has never been misplaced, and never will be. In keeping with the season we beg to wish you

A Merry Christmas

And with the wish goes our sincere appreciation of your past patronage and the hope that, in the future, our business relations may be as cordial and mutually profitable as have been heretofore.

Morehouse & Wells Co.

Today Accept Our

Christmas Greetings

and with them our assurance that, in the future as in the past, we will strive to merit your patronage through maintaining the Quality and Goodness of our product.

For your past favors, we thank you. And, in anticipation of receiving continuation of your patronage, we wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

—and—

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The American Ice Cream Co.

Keep Your Eyes Open for Many Saving Opportunities in the Weeks to Come.

Linn & Scruggs
DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY

Store Closes at Six O'Clock Every Day Except Saturday.

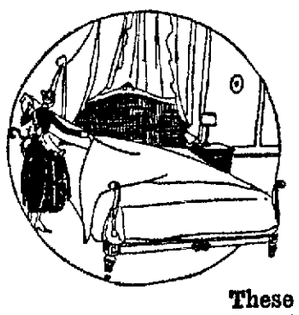
Mid-Holiday Offerings of Blankets and Bedding

Christmas has come and gone, and along with it have come the colder days of mid-winter, reminding us of the need of heavier bed coverings, and of the various deficiencies in our home supply of these very necessary articles of household equipment.

This Store Is Splendidly Supplied

with the very best that the markets of the world have offered in these lines, bought under conditions which enable us to offer you prices that are genuine economies, and which are in many cases but little if any more than we should ourselves have to pay at wholesale, if bought under existing conditions.

Some Suggestions



A Special Value Blanket at $15.00. These blankets are made principally of fine wool with just enough cotton in the warp to keep them from shrinking. Many of the best blankets have a small proportion of cotton in the weave for this purpose.

These special value blankets are woven in large block patterns of blue and white, pink and white, grey and white and tan and white.

They may also be obtained in plain grey and plain white with colored borders, attractively bound.

These blankets are 70x80 inches in size and we are featuring them this mid-holiday week at pair $15.00

Handsome All-Wool Blankets in fancy plaids, scarlet, natural greys and white, in both medium and large sizes. These are fine, warm blankets made from high-grade wool and are priced at pair **$10.00 to $25.00.**

Other Wool Blankets in other grades and standard sizes, in plaids or plain colors, priced much lower than we could duplicate them today, at pair **$7.00 to $22.50.**

Cotton Blankets in white, grey, tan and fancy plaids, all weights and sizes. These are fine, dependable blankets and are priced at pair **$3.00 to $7.50.**

Robe Blankets for the baby, in a beautiful assortment of new patterns, 30x40 and 36x50-inch, at each **$1.25, $2.00 and $2.50.**

Steamer Rugs and Auto Robes

All-Wool Steamer Rugs for automobile use, are fine English goods in pretty Scotch plaids, in bright or dull colorings, economically priced at each **$9.00 to $16.00.**

Strock Automobile Robes in wool plush. These are the best Auto Robes that are made and are intended for both warmth and wear. Some are rubber inter-lined, making them both storm and rainproof. There are colors to match your auto. Splendid large-sized Rugs priced at **$11.00 to $15.00.**

Oregon City Indian Wool Blankets, in striking designs and colorings that are exact duplicates of the genuine Indian designs. These blankets are especially adapted for use as portieres or lounge coverings and are economically priced at each **$9.00, $10.00, $11.00 and $12.00.**

Robe Blankets, 72x90-inch, especially adapted for bath and lounging robes. A nice assortment to select from for either ladies' or gentlemen's wear. Prices are **$5.00, $5.50, $6.00 and $6.50 to $7.00.**

Miscellaneous Bedding

Bed Comforts, cotton-filled and made throughout of the best of materials. Have large nine-inch borders of plain materials, stitched and with knotted wool centers to match. These comforts are in different weights—three, four, five and six pounds, and sell at each **$5.00, $5.50, $6.00, $7.00 and $8.00.**

A Wool-Filled Comfort is thoroughly desirable in any home. They are light of weight, yet provide more warmth than four times weight of cotton filling. Prices range at **$10.00, $12.00, $14.00, $15.00, $18.00 and $20.00.**

Bed Spreads, scalloped and hemmed, a good assortment for all sizes of beds, in American and English weaves. Prices are for each from **$3.00 to $18.00.**

Cotton Batting for filling comforts, a big three-pound roll made up in a single sheet, and an excellent grade of cotton, at roll **$1.25.**

Wool Batting, of the best grade of pure lamb's wool, and in a solid sheet 72x84-inch. Put up in one, two and three-pound sheets, at pound **$3.00.**

Feathers, Beds and Pillows

Goose Feathers, put up in one, two, three and five- pound bags. All new feathers, uniform in size and with a large percentage of down. We have two grades of feathers at pound **$1.35 and $1.60.**

(We will, when desired, make Mattresses, Pillows and Feather Beds to your order.)

Bed Pillows, filled with choice new feathers—hen, duck, turkey and goose feathers—covered with pretty fancy ticking, in blue, pink and gold, at each **$1.35 to $6.00.**

Down Pillows for baby's bed, made of the best grade of down, 16 and 18-inch size, at each **$1.25 and $1.75.**

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FEW LIBERTY BONDS BEING DISPOSED OF

Report to Contrary Is Exaggeration.

Some Liberty bonds are being traded in Decatur but the bankers report that while the sales of the bonds are fairly numerous they are not of the larger denominations. The $50 bonds are usually the size offered and they are sold by subscribers who feel that they cannot afford to carry them.

The report that retail stores have been taking them in trade is greatly exaggerated. A few have been turned in in payment of accounts but the total amount of bonds sold is small compared with the amount of bonds held in this county.

The banks are paying the market rate, which varies slightly from day to day, but they are not encouraging the holders to sell. In fact, the bankers believe that the bonds will be of considerable greater value soon after the final peace is signed.

H. CLIFTON WRITES FROM FRANCE

Thinks It Won't Be Long Before He Returns.

J. A. Beckett has just received a letter from Harry Clifton, who is in the Medical detachment overseas. He writes:

"Dear Sir: I received your letter some time ago, and meant to write you before this, but it seems that I couldn't find the time.

"Received some Reviews from mother today; was certainly glad to get them even if they were a little old.

"I suppose by this time it is cold there. Over here in this part it is much different than Illinois climate. So far we have had little or no cold weather, only in the mornings and evenings. The winters here are very damp, cold and rainy. Rains about all the winter months, which makes it very disagreeable.

"Don't know how long I will be over here now, but I guess it won't be long, and, believe me, I sure will be glad when I see Mother Liberty again. Your Friend,

"HARRY CLIFTON."

RECOMMENDED FOR HIGHER RANK

Lynn Hight Making Good in France

Lynn Hight, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. G. L. Hights, 333 West Leafland avenue, from the base hospital in France, where he is connected with the medical unit, tells of the dinner that was served them there Thanksgiving day and of the big football game between the army and navy teams.

For dinner there was turkey, with cranberries, sweet potatoes, asparagus, sweet rolls, pie, nuts, raisins cigarets and the like

Mr Hight is now a third grade pharmacist and his surgeon has recommended him for still higher rank.

In a letter dated still later, Dec. 7, he tells of the arrival of his Christmas box and how the nurses at the hospital enjoyed the cake his mother sent.



ALL of your friends and acquaintances will feel like giving you a merry handshake this Christmas if you are dressed properly. There's a lot of geniality in good clothes. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

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11 & N. WATER ST.
DECATUR, ILL.
THREE DOORS NO. MILLIKIN BANK

Your Suit Cleaned, Repaired or Dyed

Will give you another season's wear

The Illinois

CLEANERS & DYERS

241 N. Main

Thursday—the day after Christmas—comes **Lee's** *great*



Seventh Semi-Annual

PRICES CUT
Clearance

Of Women's and Misses'

Fine Wearing Apparel

For Nine Days Only, Starting Thursday, Dec. 26th —at 9 a. m.

Twice a year—preceding inventory—the Lee Store features a sale of wonderful opportunities—our semi-annual clearance—that we may prepare for the coming season with new, fresh stocks. Because of the magnitude of our collections—and owing to a rigid policy that demands clearance of all goods in season—and because of our desire to reduce stocks in the least possible time—prices have been cut on all merchandise in the store, and in many lines without any regard to former markings.

You Cannot Pay Regular Prices—Everything Reduced

Coats, Suits, Dresses, Blouses, Sweater Coats, Dress Skirts, Furs, Petticoats, Silk Hosiery, Silk Underwear

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Winter Coats

$19 - $29 - $39

Radical Reductions on Every Coat in the Store

A collection of beautiful coats, of such smartness, newness and quality that to buy them at any reduction would be amazing—yet we have determined to sacrifice every coat in stock. The very choicest of the new fashions—rich, beautiful fabrics—the most fashionable shades. Coats such as these were difficult to get—yet we obtained them for this sale.

Materials	*Colors*
—Silvertones	—Taupe
—Velour de Laine	—Copenhagen
—Crystal Cord	—The New Greens
—Duotones	—Reindeer
—Velours	—Browns
—Broadcloths	—Plum
—Seal Plushes	—Burgundy

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Winter Suits

$18 - $28 - $38

Some Suits Reduced One-Half and More Than Half

Savings such as we offer during our clearance sale have heretofore been unknown this season. Every kind of suit in fashionable demand. There are strictly tailored suits, whose smartness depends solely upon the good lines and fine fabrics—there are suits not quite so severe, splendid for business women—some are a bit dressy—others sumptuous with fur.

Materials	*Colors*
—Silvertones	—Black
—Velour de Laine	—Burgundy
—Broadcloth	—Taupe
—Velveteens	—Oxfords
—Velours	—New Browns
—Gaberdine	—Wonderful Blues
—Serge	—Navy

Lee's Clearance Sale of

DRESSES at $16 and $26

There is scarcely a woman in this city or its surroundings who would pass up this sale—even if only half its possibilities were realized.

Serge Dresses	Taffeta Dresses
Velveteen Dresses	Georgette Crepe Dresses
Rich Satin Dresses	Satin and Serge Dresses
Wool Jersey Dresses	Evening Dresses

This Will Be the Greatest Dress Sale in the History of the Lee Store

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Blouses

at $4.80

$6.50 to $8.50 Qualities

Waists of quality and beauty in this sale that will surpass any of our previous efforts.

Blouses of Georgette Crepe, Crepe de Chine—striped or plaid messaline, exquisite quality. All the suit shades—also white and flesh color. Blouses beautifully beaded, embroidered and braided. Many high neck blouses; blouses with the rounded necks, crepe de chine blouses—with hand-bound buttonholes—pearl buttons adorn them. Blouses in almost unending variety.

Our Better Georgette and Silk Crepe Blouses Reduced to

$5.50, $6.95, $8.95

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Fine Furs

30% Discounts

A sale of our entire carefully selected stock—replete with novelties of striking originality and the more conservative, yet smart, elegant models. On any fur piece you may select you save at least thirty per cent.

Poiret Foxes	**Lustro Lynx**
Black Foxes	**Marmont**
Hudson Seal	**Natural Rat**
Natural O'Possum	**Mole Skin**

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Silk Hosiery

—and—

Silk Underwear

15% Discounts

It is difficult to convey the importance of this sale through type. At regular prices "Niagara Maid" garments are splendid values—at reduced prices the values are remarkable. The quality of silk of which the garments are made, the perfection of making and carefulness of fit will appeal to all women.

Lee's Clearance Sale of

Better Made Dress Skirts

$3.95 to $19.75

All Wool Skirts at a Discount
All Silk Skirts at a Discount

The skirts come from some of the most careful makers in the business—and they show it. The good lines, the expert workmanship—the carefulness of details is worthy of the utmost commendation.

Alterations

During our Clearance Sale all alterations will be made at cost of labor. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Lee's *Correct Dress for Women*

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SERGT. KLEE WAS BUSY IN FRANCE

Puts Up Entanglements in No Man's Land.

Fred J. Klee, 1161 Roger avenue, has just received a "Dad's Christmas letter" from his son, Sergeant George E. Klee, member of company A, 108th U. S. engineers in France. He says

"Dear dad: Well, Dad, this war is over, I am well and happy and never felt better in my life. It has been a hard grind and the boys did some wonderful work that could not have been accomplished if it were not for you folks at home, anxiously waiting with a burden just as great, if not greater than ours. And the letters you have written certainly filled us with pep. I do not know how to show me appreciation for what you have done, but will do so when I return.

TELLS OF TRIP

"I expect you have read about the censorship being lifted to a certain extent and we can write where we have been and what we have been doing. We landed in Brest, France, May 19, and were there just one week, from there we went to a small town named Aisemont for a short period of work and training, which lasted about three weeks, and from there to the British sector at Albert and Amiens. I was one of the first detail from our camp to be sent to the front with the British to repair trenches and to put up barbed wire entanglement out in 'no man's land.' But they changed that name of 'No Man's Land' to 'Yankees Land,' because the Yanks could take it whenever they wanted it.

"While we were on the Somme sector I was in Amiens and saw the famous Amiens cathedral. It is certainly a wonderful piece of work, but would take too long to describe it.

AT VERDUN.

"We left the Somme and came to the American sector at Verdun. On the way we passed through the outskirts of Paris, but couldn't get a fair idea of what the city was like. Well, the 108th Engineers played a good part in the taking of Vorges Woods on 'Dead Man's Hill,' and then reconstruction of Vorges Road which was nothing but shell holes and was under shell fire continuously, and on Oct. 9 built a bridge over the Meuse river and the Illinois Infantry was wonderful. Nothing could stop them, they couldn't be beaten.

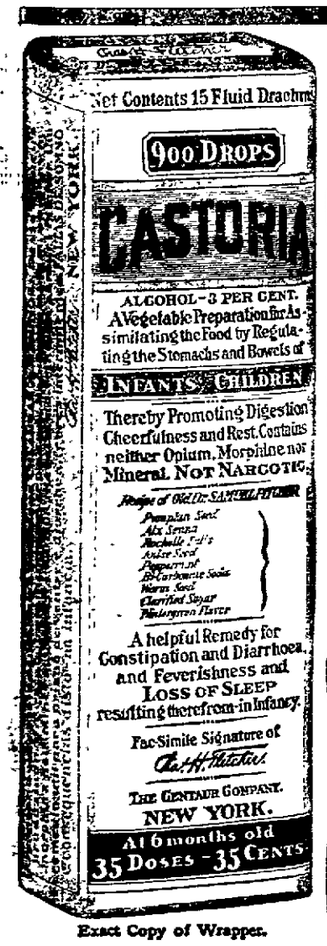
AT ST. MIHIEL.

"We came out of the line there on my birthday and we all thought we were going out for a rest, but instead we hiked to the Vorst de la Montagne, which is in the St. Mihiel sector and have been here ever since. About four weeks ago I went out on a reconnaissance party and was out for two weeks. You know I always liked that kind of work so I enjoyed it very much, although I was chased out of the town of Hammonville one day for Fritz was sure sending over some big shells and when I saw a house go up in the air I got out of there until he was through playing and then I went back and did my work.

"We were on our way to the front the morning the armistice was signed and were about a mile and a half from there when we got word it was all over, and you can't imagine how much noise was made. It was along about 10 a. m. and at 11 every gun stopped firing. It all seemed like a dream at first. The next day I had a detail to repair a bridge in Woel and while we were there quite a number of Germans came over to see us, and you never saw a bunch of men that were any happier than they. They all thought it strange that the Yanks could fight so hard and not have anything to drink but water.

"When I get home I will tell you enough to fill a book.

"Your loving son,
GEORGE."



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Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria

Always Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

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START RED CROSS NURSING SURVEY

Dr. H. C. Jones to Get Information on All Nurses in County.

Dr. H. C. Jones as chairman of the nurse survey committee of the Macon county chapter of the Red Cross, has started to make a careful survey and record of all the nurses in Macon county.

The National Red Cros has been asked to do this so that the nation may know just how many nurses of all kinds are available and where they are located.

The Central committee has sent out questionnaires and filing cards which are to be filled out so that all information possible can be secured about the women who have had any nursing experience whatsoever.

These blanks have been left at the office of the Macon County chapter of the Red Cross, 220 Citizens Title & Trust building and at the office of Dr. H. C. Jones and may be obtained there by any women who has had nursing experience.

NOT FOR SERVICE.

This is not a registration for service but merely making a record to put the government in possession of the actual nursing resources of the country.

The chairman of each county is asked to see that no woman with any nursing experience or training is overlooked in this canvas.

DISCHARGE FILED.

Paul George Bodine has filed his honorable discharge from the S. A. T. C. of the James Millikin university for record.

FLOYD YOCKEY WRITES OF BATTLE

How Marines Stopped Huns at Chateau-Thierry

Floyd L. Yockey of the 6th regiment, U. S. marines, in a letter to his father, Dr. Yockey of this city, under date of Nov. 2, gives a brief account of his life in France the past year. Only parts of the letter are here printed.

"We landed in St. Navarie on Feb 8th, where we were just long enough to disembark and load on freight trains, which were waiting for the marines. From St. Navaire we went to a little town in northern France called Bleavencourt where we staid about a month. From there we went to a place in the Verdun sector. We remained in that vicinity nearly four months, always in the trenches (and they were the real trenches). The last week in May we came out of the trenches and went to a little place called Montagney, where we did not rest in the least, as you remember the Germans were making the drive that was headed for Paris.

AT CHATEAU-THIERRY

"On May 28th we started for Chateau-Thierry. We traveled for two days and one night in trucks with little to eat and less sleep. Arriving at Meaux, we started running into refugees; old men, women, children and babies. It was a most pitiful sight. The preceding days were dark ones for the allied cause. The French armies fighting until they could fight no longer, had fallen back in full retreat, defeated, and the road to Paris was open. Then the American marines including the 5th and 6th regiments numbering 8,000, were thrown in to support the line. We soon discovered that the rapid retreat of the French had left us on the front line facing the pick of the Prussian guard.

FACED THOUSANDS

"We had seen Germans before but here June first found us facing thousands of them, many times outnumbering our men. The following day began the battle of Chateau-Thierry with the Americans holding back the German advance to Paris, day after day following that will never be forgotten by those of us who participated. I am glad that the Germans discovered we were 'devildogs'—American type—and as one colored soldier said, "We did not only break Hindy's line but just ruined it."

Along with the many thousands I was finally disabled, receiving as a souvenir a German bullet which lodged in my abdomen. On my way back to first aid station, while helping another marine who was wounded a great deal worse than I, we were both knocked down by the concussion of a German shell that exploded about fifty feet from us. In trying to save him from the jar I pulled his weight on myself and at that time received an injury to my right leg which caused a lameness. As for myself, I thought I would be permitted to go back to the firing line but instead they removed my uniform, took all my belongings and I traveled back to Paris wearing only a smile and a pair of pajamas.

OPERATED UPON

"After reaching the hospital in Paris I was operated upon by special surgeons and afterwards received splendid care by the Red Cross nurses. From Paris was sent to Angers, from there transferred to Mesves hospital center convalescent camp, where I am at present. My limb bothers considerable at times, otherwise I am feeling fine.

"As to the life over here I am at times reminded of the colored soldier who was among the road menders ladeling gravy mud when he saw



FLOYD L. YOCKEY

passing by a white soldier wearing two service stripes, singing and smiling. He said, "My Gawd man, you been here a year and can still smile?

"Well dad, I don't know how much longer I will be here but get the car tuned up to its best and pass the word to grandfather and uncle, for I am going to try them all when I get back as all we get to see here is the army trucks. Now dad, don't be afraid of the writer's cramp, and dip your pen.

FLOYD."

The welfare worker glanced around apprehensively as she entered the humble dwelling. "Are you not afraid to live here? I do not see any fire escape." "Law, no, miss, I don't need one," returned the satisfied slum dweller. "Whenever the cops comes up after me I makes my getaway over the roof."

Are You Constipated?



Then you need Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills to stimulate the bowels to natural action. Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills are nature's own remedy. They contain no drugs and act gently without griping or after effects.

They regulate the liver, stimulate digestion, clear the blood and restore the system to normal.

If you have indigestion, sour stomach, stomach bloat, if you are nervous, you need Munyon's Paw-Paw Pills.

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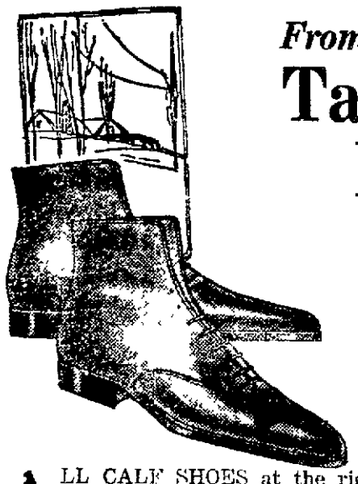
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Killed in action—274.
Died of wounds—206.
Died of accident and other causes—18.
Died of airplane accident—9.
Died of disease—144
Wounded severely—612.
Wounded, degree undetermined—16.
Missing in action—209.
Total—1,580

Following are the Illinois men on the list:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieutenants
Darrel D Burtis Waukegan.
Clara H McCasket, Chicago.
Sergeants:
Alfred Andrews Buesch Belleville.
Michael J. Derby, Chicago.
Corporal Lewis F. Schultz, Sandwich.
Privates
Lafore P. Lock Springfield.
Olin Cunningham Mowenqua.
George W Davis, Carrollton.
Reuben Flesham, Chicago
Frank Monscovich, Chicago.
George Patridge Bunker Hill.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Lieutenant James McConnell, Marshall.
Corporal Clarence A. Johnson, Rockford.
Privates:
William H Karhoff Beckmeyer.
Adim Mirkiljevich Waukegan
Zigmunt Misiewics Chicago.
Lishard M Reddy Danville.
Mell Cuthbertson Annawan
Kristian Tarsinson Chicago
William P Fitzgibbons Chicago
William F. Hartman Chicago.
Thomas F. McMahon, Chicago.
Della Reson, Avon
Lester Smith Joliet

DIED OF ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES

Lieutenant Richard P. Matthews, Chicago
Private Harry Potasch Chicago.

DIED OF AEROPLANE ACCIDENT

Lieutenant Charles H Swan Danville.

DIED OF DISEASE

Lieutenant Paul T Snyder, Zion City.
Corporal Wagoner Earl L. Minard Rockford.
Privates:
Phillip W Fritz Lebanon.
Leander W. Rice Chicago.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Lieutenant Chester R. Davis, St. Charles
Sergeants
Lawrence C Cairns Harvey.
Earl C Follis, Walshville.
Earl Long Monmouth
John P Ruppinger Aurora.
Corporals
James A McNulty Chicago.
William H. Nicholson, Chicago.
Lawrence Castaldi Wilmington.
Privates
Frank W. Kuss Chicago.
Samuel L. Inn, Lincoln
Harry H. Weber, Bristol.
Oscar H. Franz Chicago.
Walter E Bendel, Chicago.
Andrew Calvin Jr. Mt Olive.
Oscar L. Davis Cobden.
Arthur T. Nosotns Belleville.
Harold Sharp Serena.
Dominick Mader Jr., Belleville.
Victor Nielson Newark.
Jefferson Portlock, Newton.
Clarence O. Pratt, Chicago.
Charlie Reed Chicago.
Monroe Reed Bluffs
Dan H Rogers, Chicago.
Elmer L. Vennerdrow, Chicago.
Paul Johnson, Chicago.
Alvin G Beckstrum Rockford.
Floyd Ebbert, Ipava.
George H. Jalinsky, Chicago.
Elmer C. Johnson, Joliet.
George F. Kantner, Highland.
Shenly Panas, Chicago.
Stanley J. Wallace, Kewanee.
Carl O. Anderson, Chicago.
Ernest A. Beck, Raddle.
Frank Helminsky, Chicago.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Sergeant Theodore Pantchuck, Chicago
Corporals:
Paul Walter Brinkman, Mascoutah.
James E. Hartman, Rock Island.
Walter W. Kriege, Carlyle.
Mechanic Dennis B. Callahan Chicago
Privates:
Oscar Ritter, Springerton.
Henry F. Vock, Chicago.
Ensvon Atkins, Green Valley.
William F. Beckman, Aurora.
Sanil Boyd, Danville.
Ignatz Gallagnan Chicago.
Lawrence P. Vickroy, Aurora.
Paul Will, Murphysboro.
Lloyd Willard Joliet.
William J. Cervenka Chicago.
Noah Decker, Mattoon.
Frank M. Fulk, Atlanta.
Bernard Klein, Chicago.
Archie G Knudson, Winnetka.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

(Previously reported Missing in Action).
Corporal Charles L. Curvin, Alton.
Raymond E Ekbald Chicago.
Oscar Gallois, Chicago.
Albert A. Kramer Streator.
Percy Mellcott, Chicago.
Thomas Owens, Chicago
Fred J. Peters, West Chicago.

PRISONERS IN GERMAN CAMPS

Camp Unkown—
Bert M. Cox, Coulterville.

MORNING LIST.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces Wounded severely 436, wounded, degree undetermined, 597, wounded slightly, 776 total 1 709.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Lieutenants
Martin J. Gass Danville.
Edward R. Jobson LaGrange.
Sergeant Tony Plestrak, Chicago.
Privates
Herbert Swanson Chicago
Raymond Lampley, Macedonia.
John D. Mulligren, Woodbull.
Frank Drnovec Chicago.
Charles Koukalik Chicago.
William J. Meehan, Chicago.
Hurley R Richardson Rockford
Ray D. Belcher Golconda.
Wtvslan Boderski, Joliet.
Clarence H Glass, Carlinville.
James Milner, Springfield.
Albert Wittkamp, Joliet.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED

Sergeants:
Louis B. Grammer, Aurora.
Arthur Dean Dyes Streator.
Oliver N. Eckburg, Amboy.
William Elmer Seifert, Apple River.
Corporals.
Oliver R Wood Flora.
Joseph Bilek, Chicago.
George E Flowers, Chicago.
Harry C. Lynn, Forrest Park.
Forest J. Tarrh, Chicago.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED

Corporals
William F Walsh, Chicago.
Mechanics.
Charles W. Johnson, Ridott.
Privates
Rolla E Bailey, Lawrenceville.
Michael Buss, Oakdale.
Quincy Giannoni Chicago.
Earl Grant, Panama
John S. Hoffman, Rock Island.
Carl O. Olson, Chicago.
Frank Vasile, Chicago.
Norpha W. Young Chicago.
Donato Moreno, Chicago.
Henry Seubouk Chicago
William F. Seidel, Harvey.
Walter L. Ayres, Rock Island.
Lord N. Dubson Monticello.
William Mossman, Chicago.
Edward G Smith, Chicago.
James Zahlaus, Chicago
Arthur T. Roberts, Chicago.
Ernest I. Alander, Plano.
Walter Burakoski Chicago.
Basil D Caldwell Mattoon.
Clarence R. Eubanks, Thompsonville.
Ignatz Falcowtic Chicago.
Benjamin Hemmon Teutopolis.
Peter Roman, Joliet

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Privates:
William Winter Chicago
Wilbert H. Dugan, Arthur.
George D. Gilfeather, Chicago.
Frank H. Raba East St. Louis.
Grover E. Naftzger, Erie.
Joe Aiello, Sherman.
John G James, Rockford.
Steve Nickolos Rockford.
Charles V. Powell Anna.
Stanley Romotowski, Chicago.
Leroy A Smith Chicago.
James Zopf, Kankakee.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

Lieutenants:
John C. Kissback, Chicago.
Robert B McBride, Denver.
Ray E. McCallen, Watson.
Corporals
Clarence Wright, Chicago.
Charles A. Parsons, Clarence.
Frank J. Walsh, Chicago.
Buglers:
Henry M. Crable, Paris.
Julius H. Kahn, Chicago.
Mechanics:
Clarence Richards, Westville.
Wagoners:
Everett Davidson, Paris.
Privates
Boleslaw Kotnarowski, Chicago
John O. Polk Seymour.
Otto W. Ryerson Chicago.
Tony P. Schraeder, Chicago.
Westley D. Sledge Bluford.
George Craig Chicago
Nelson H. Defoe, Chicago.
Joseph Gramato, Chicago.
Edward Fildelirand Gilman.
James Ripp Sainte Marie
Lorenz A. Lichter, Kewanee.
Kendall Severance, Chicago.
Gustav A Olson, Chicago.
Joseph D. Robertson Palatine
William H. Radiske, Mt. Carroll.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

Privates:
Louis Wehrenberg, Libertyville.
Frank R. Bullard Harvel.
Norman F. Boyerson, Chicago.
Henry A. Hanson, Highland Park.
George B. Kuss, Chicago

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Warren Everett Diamond Chicago.
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David M. Driver, Chicago
Albert S. Peiler Kimmundy.
Domenik Ciullo Chicago.
Daniel J. Frimassel, Chicago.
James Mohan Springfield.
Alonzo Dorch Marion
John H. Kullner Peru.
Bruno Zito Chicago
Albert J. Berschinski, Chicago.
Emil Lunde Chicago
Patrick Mitchell Chicago.
Adam Scott South Wilmington.
Samuel Shubinski, Chicago.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Joseph Z. Dunn Bethany

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

Mason Sanders Atwood

Bugler Merle B. Brubaker, Salem.
Wagoner Henry H. Sawicki, Chicago.
Privates: Luigi Materassi, Chicago; Edward C. Reiter, Hamilton; William A. Schaffer, Collinsville; Bernard A. Schramm, Gansville; Henry C. Zaffi, Chicago; Ernest Morris, Hudson; Eber Pursley, Odin; Charles Kaminski, Chicago; Paul Buelow Elgin; William A. Eckert, Columbia; Tony Pulaski, East St Louis; Thomas E. Ellis, Chicago; Ernest Walker, Granite City; Edward Herter, Chicago; Andrew Ingram, Melrose Park. Loring M. Schatz, Wheaton; James Winslow, Chicago.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Lieutenant Walter M. Mayer, Chicago.
Sergeant Edwin J. Skinner, Chicago.
Corporals: John J. Gast, Chicago; Clarence L. Johns East Alton.
Privates: Harold Eskhalt, Evanston
Nels B. Nelson, Chicago; Herbert Augenstein, Barrington; Frank Bukowski, Chicago; Charles T. Donahue, Chicago; Vincent A. Demski, Chicago; Joseph Z. Dunn, Bethany; Christ Sledger Ottawa; Walter A. Wagner, Macomb; Fred A. Wolf, Chicago; Elmer J. Hohnadel, Chicago; Sam Ahner, Chicago; George Barton, Girard; Emmett C. Cleveland, Raritan; Edwin S. Sackrison, Batavia; Walter F. Galk, Chicago; Edward G. Muench, Fox Lake; Charles Steinback, Chicago; August J. Walters, Hillsdale; Frank C. Zahn, Chicago; Arthur W. Bridges Chicago; Raymond R. Zimmerman, East St. Louis, Ird Cook, Buncomb, John Keller, Chicago; John T. Milkowski, Chicago; Elijah P. Stephens, Winchester; Alfonzo Daeseele, Joselin, Paul Reuben Nathaniel Eckstrom, Rockford; Frank Lalacano, Chicago; James P. Long, Chicago; Robert R. Talbert, Litchfield.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY.

Simon D. Hay, Ottawa.
Sergeants: Charles D. Atkinson, Chicago; Percy L. Jones, Chicago, Edward Measik, East St. Louis.
Corporals. Ralph R. Conner Streator; Frank H. McDonald, Chicago; Arthur Merle Ryan, Atlanta; Frank Soucek, Chicago; Melvin L Stool, Delavan; Frederick H. Swabey, Chicago.
Privates: Leslie W. Howe, Chicago; Paul Smith, Benton; Mason Sanders, Atwood; Lawrence B. Tompkins, Middlegrove; Mario Dundero, Collinsville, Vincent Lupo, Chicago; Revo Fleming, West Frankford; William Charles Hacker, Chicago; August Kaufold, Chicago; Peter A. Miller, Hardin; Francis L. Southern Chicago; Dominick Zeppin, Rockford; Edward F. Kliesel, Chicago; James J. Murphy, Chicago; Warren E. Smith, Clay City; Lewis Hejda, Coal City; George T. Barney, Paris; Eugene Birk, Newton; George A. Fuller, Chicago; Peter Gill, Chicago; James T. Clemons, Pawpaw, Robert J. King Chicago; Alexander C. Porath, Chicago, Andrew Ryan, Springfield; Richard W. Roberts, Chicago; Walter Weber, Beardstown. Faye J. Jacobson, Plano; Jesse M. Newell, East St. Louis; August Rathke, Chicago; Taver Elliott, Baskin; Anthony George Freitag, Chicago.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Privates: Tony Stravinski, Chicago Ralph J. Fanelli Ch[illegible] E. Jacobs, Rock Island, Michael Kolenda, Chicago.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED.

Previously reported missing in action—
Privates: Harry Albin, Paris, George C. Bolman Evanston, Henry F. Dillon, Chicago, Elmer F. Hargrave, Mt. Carmel.

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces Died of disease, 24, wounded severely, 657, wounded, degree undetermined, 878, wounded slightly, 684 missing in action, 110; total 1,853.

Following are the Illinois men on the list:

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Captain Harry Means Brown, Tamaroa.
Lieut. Robert L. Chavis, Chicago.
Sergeants: Robert Barnes, Danville, Ozzie Levels, Chicago; John H. Wilson, Chicago, Lyman W. Buckewt, Percy.
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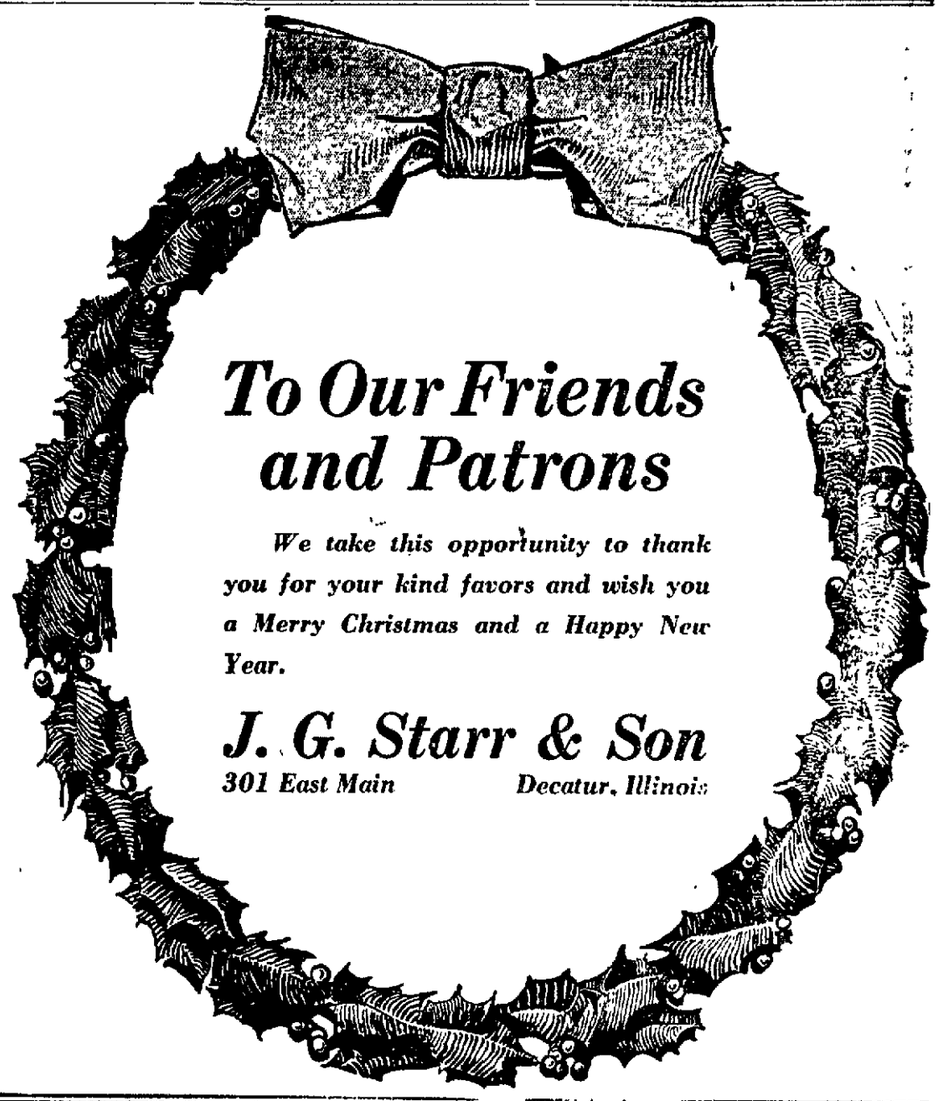


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SHOULD BE WORK FOR ALL

Perhaps many are unduly concerned over the problem of absorbing labor for the coming few months. Men are coming back from the army and they will keep coming for some time. It is thought it will be difficult to find places for all these. That is one way to look at it.

And there is another view. It is true that men are now coming and will continue to do so. But for months to come many of America's men will be busy abroad.

When the armistice was signed we had an army of more than two million men in Europe. If these were brought home at the rate of 50,000 a month it would take eight months to get all of them back here. The home movement was not started to amount to anything until about the first of December, and the return will not be in full swing until about the first of February. The chances are that many men will remain to be brought home by the time August comes.

During the dullest of these winter months, January and February, this country will have an average of a million and a half men in Europe. They will have to be supplied from this side for the most part, and this means extra work to be done by people here.

Perhaps as late as the first of May there will be close to a million Americans in Europe. The working tanks at home will not have to do any planning to care for that many, for they are otherwise employed. It will be well toward the end of 1919 before the last of these men get back to this country. And all this time they will have to be supplied, mostly from this side.

There will not be as many workers at home as in other years, and those that are here will have to do something for the ones held abroad. Lack of employment should not be as marked in this time as it was in the years before the war. The people here will be called on to do more, though it may take a little while to get the readjustment geared properly and in going order.

THEY DID THEIR BIT.

Four-minute men of the country made their last official talks Tuesday evening. Then they were demobilized, and their organization as an active and going concern is no more.

As pointed out by President Wilson, these men served the country well and generously. In all there were 75,000 of them, and the expense of keeping them going was less than a dollar a year per man; that is this is all the expense the government was called on to shoulder. Had the matter been presented to the four-minute speakers in time they would have arranged to find their own dollar. As a matter of fact each of them was out many dollars during the campaign, but there was no thought of filing a claim for expenses.

These men held themselves ready at all times to make speeches of four minutes for the general good of the cause. They were called on to speak two or more times a week. They were faithful to the job to the end, and the crown of honor goes to the one who stays faithful to the finish. The country should take off its hat to these four-minute men. They answered the call every time the button was pressed, and of course they played a part in winning the war. They are modest fellows who don't care to speak for themselves, therefore it is in order that we say something for them.

GREAT SHIPPING DAYS AHEAD

That was an altogether interesting talk that Edward N. Hurley and President Wilson had in Paris Tuesday, as reported by the Associated Press. Mr. Hurley is on the other side to learn something more about ships and to make arrangements to navigate them.

Mr. Hurley told the president some things that make us sit up and notice. One of these is that the French are anxious to use shipbuilding facilities in this country to build up their own merchant marine; they would like to place an order in this country for 800,000 tons of shipping. And we are to do some serious thinking over the proposition before we accept the order.

Of course this means the French are willing, even anxious, to pay the price that ships cost when built in American yards. It is a fair guess that it will cost more to build them here than elsewhere, and yet the French would jump at a chance to pay the bill.

Another item in the talk between Mr. Hurley and the president informs us that the French are most anxious to get into shipping more heavily than they dreamed of doing before the war. They have placed orders in English yards for 500,000 tons of shipping, they will run their own yards to the limit, and they are abroad in the world to place orders wherever they can. They have a program of building that will supply them in three years with three times the shipping tonnage they had before the war.

The French plainly have figured that in the future shipping is going to be a great business. They know that we on this side are building a great many more ships, and of course they are aware that British yards will be worked to the limit.

It looks to some as if the world will have more shipping than it can use, but the French and the English don't see it in this light. They are so eager to get ships that they have caused Mr Hurley to hesitate about taking orders from them. The idea is that if ships are to be such a good thing we had better not cheat ourselves by making too many for the other fellow.

CURBING THE PATRIOTS.

Members of the senate at Washington plainly do not look with favor on the heavy political campaign contribution, at least they go on record to this effect.

The war revenue bill as amended by the senators proposes a tax of 100 per cent on all such campaign contributions above $500. If you wish to devote a thousand dollars to the success of your party you can put $500 of it back in your pocket and keep it there, or use it to buy war savings stamps.

If you should contribute the thousand your party would under this amendment get only $500 of the money—the other $500 would be turned into the federal treasury as war tax.

Now let it be urged that if you have been in the habit of contributing $5,000 to the campaign that you keep up the lick. It is true that $4,500 of the sum will be taken away from your party's committee and devoted to proper lining of the United States treasury But you can have the satisfaction of knowing that the $4,500 used in this way will likely do more good than if all of it had been blown in by the campaign committee.

And yet it is suspected that few people will be moved by the spirit to contribute more than $500 to the campaign; they will overlook the opportunity that is presented to do something handsome for the country.

WHY THE GREAT RUSH?

Senator Lodge is unable to see why this country should be so anxious to put on such a great naval building program at once. He has been over the recommendations that comes from Secretary Daniels and assistants, and Mr. Lodge has figured that within a short while they would give us a navy that will be larger than any now in existence.

It is possible this country will have call for such a navy, but as yet this is by no means determined. In fact there is much talk about forming a league of nations, and if this is done we shall not need a tremendous navy. In that event we might manage to get along with a navy only a trifle larger than the one we now have.

Senator Lodge mentions all these reflections, and he admits that they puzzle him He is not sure that we understand in what direction we are drifting, at any rate he is quite sure that he doesn't understand the program clearly.

Many more of us are in the same plight with Senator Lodge. We can't see why we should be in a great hurry to build a tremendous navy when it may develop within a year or two that we don't need it. Just at this moment we are not confronted with a naval crisis. Germany having surrendered, we now have the second navy of the world. We might manage to get along with the for a while.

Of course there is the possibility that Secretary Daniels knows something about our naval needs that hasn't been made public. But if there is anything of this kind at least it should get to Senator Lodge. And it hasn't got to him; he is not even on the trail of the thing. What are we to think?

The report is that the Hohenzollern family has a fortune of 216 million dollars, which may have caused William to imagine that the world was his. He should not have got excited over a little thing like that, for we have in this country one man who has great deal larger fortune, and the thing that is worrying him is to hold his own.

The weather man threw in some nasty days at the finish just to remind us that next time we should do that shopping early.

Bank robberies are almost the fashion in Chicago this holiday season

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Everybody wishes everybody a Merry Christmas.

Fur Is Tip Top Trimming

By BETTY BROWN.

The well dressed woman does not consider her winter wardrobe complete until it includes a small turban or toque of dark velvet. Nor is the essential turban quite complete unless it is banded or crowned, or at least touched with fur in some form This season good taste decrees that the velvet toque bear a repetition of the fur in coat or muff. In the clever model sketched a fluffy ball of black fox is used to lend harmony to the costume and apparent height to the wearer.



LOST HIS WATCH FOB.

While down town Tuesday, Charles Vail, 506 East Marietta street, lost his Moose watch fob. He offers a reward for its return. Call Main 1747. The fob has a particular value for the owner, as it was a present to him many years ago.

Ten Years Ago Today In Decatur

DEC. 25 1908

It was Christmas.

Three hundred men met the Vandalia train No. 64 from Peoria and each received a bottle, jug, demijohn or keg.

Fifty patients at St. Mary's hospital were treated to a roast pig dinner, and each received a big plate of cake and candy, and not one died.

The Wabash hospital had a Christmas tree

Letter carriers were loaded down.

The Salvation army and Elks lodge gave 219 baskets of provisions to the poor.

O J Zimmerman took in Herbert Bush and David Peters as partners in his plumbing business, giving each a fourth interest, as a Christmas gift.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dolson and a son to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Barclay.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

It was Christmas and Sunday.

H. C. Anthony went to New York to travel for a corset house.

A thief stole a thirty-pound turkey from the home of J. T. Howell.

Fred Shellabarger and wife of Salina, Kan., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger.

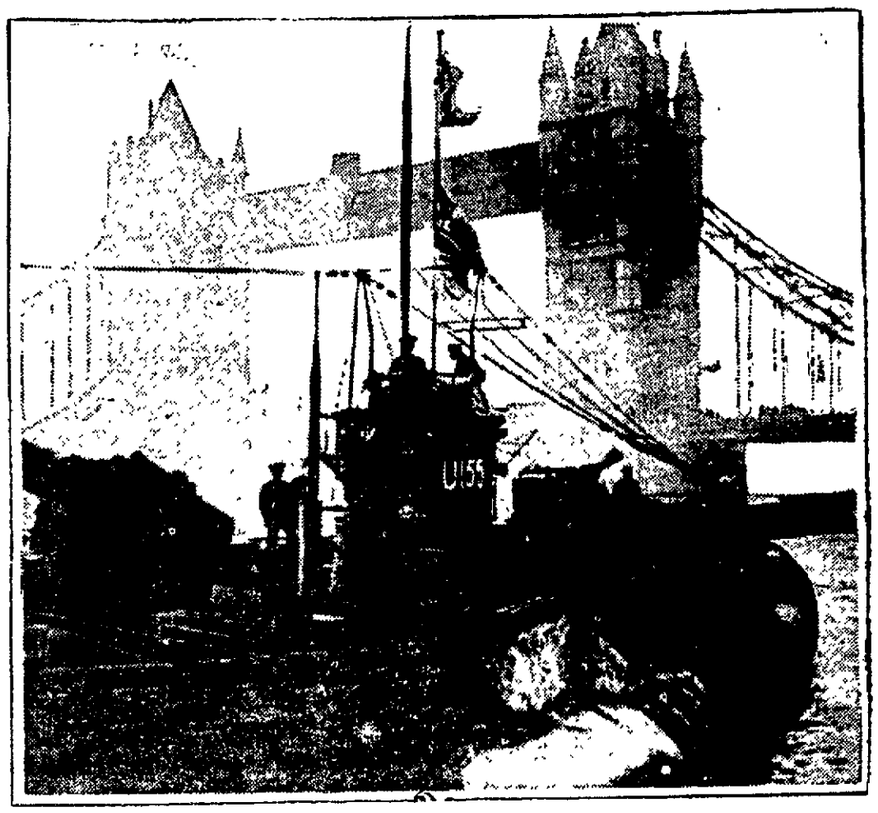
"GREEN CHRISTMAS; FAT GRAVEYARD"

"That gloomy saying that a Green Christmas makes a fat graveyard," which people are using this month so freely does not mean what it says and was not in its origin founded on any such belief," said a Decatur man who is quite a reader.

"In England, in olden times, the church yard was the meeting place for the people of the village and when Christmas Day was bright and the grass was green as it often is in England all the year around, a 'green Christmas made a full church yard' because all could come and the the church yard would be full of people."

That, said this man, is the real meaning of the saying which has been perverted to scare people when Christmas happens to fall on a warm day. The original saying had no application to the grave yard as such It was the church yard in which the people met out of doors on a warm Christmas day

THIS GERMAN SUBMARINE REACHED LONDON BRIDGE—BUT AS A PRISONER



Here you see "U-155," a German submarine, resting in the shadow of famous old London Bridge. Only a few months ago its commander would have been delighted to enter the Thames, to spread destruction and misery in London. The U-boat is there now—surrendered, interned, harmless.

SHELBYVILLE GETS BIG TOURNAMENT

Shelbyville, Dec. 25—City Superintendent of Schools William Harris has been notified by W. L. Harlow of Monticello, vice president of the Illinois High School Athletic association, that the basketball tournament for the eastern district of Illinois had again been awarded to this city. The tournament will be held Feb. 28 to March 1, under the management of Mr. Harris, and while local arrangements have not been made, in all probability will again be held in Sparks Business college gymnasium.

Probably due to the fact that Shelbyville has twice taken care of the district tournament in a highly satisfactory manner, no strong effort was needed this season to land the tourney A letter came to Mr. Harris a few weeks ago, asking if Shelbyville wanted the meet. An affirmative answer brought the announcement at this time that it had been awarded to this city.

This Day In Illinois History

Dec. 25, 1863—On the recommendation of General Grant, Colonel Augustus L. Chetlain of the 12th Illinois Infantry, was appointed brigadier general of negro troops.

To end the old year without expressing our appreciation of your generous patronage, to which is due the remarkable increase of business that we have enjoyed, would, indeed, leave one of our principal debts unpaid. We take great pleasure, therefore, in wishing you

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Black and Brown Kid Ladies' Dress Shoes

Now that you have peeped into all your Christmas packages and imbibed the Spirit of Christmas, it is time to prepare for Holiday gatherings, and all the parties, receptions and other "dress up" functions of the winter, by purchasing Dress Shoes.

A Beautiful Dress Shoe in Black Kid

This shoe is shown in light weight black kid, Louis or Cuban heels, narrow toes. A very special value at $8.00 and **$8.50**

The same model shoe in light weight brown kid.. **$9.00**

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PANA SOLDIER TELLS OF BATTLES

Warren Morgan Writes Interesting Letter "To Dad."

Pana, Dec. 25.—G. F. Morgan has received the following letter from his son, Warren Morgan, who is with the Headquarters Company of the A. E. F. France.

"Verdun, France, Nov. 24, 1918.

"Dear Daddy:—Well, Daddy, the boys of the old U. S. A. have surely done their share and, even if it is one of "them" talking, great credit should be given our grand old country for their help. We have been in Verdun two days; also I spent two weeks here in this city doing special work and then I went up "front". My regiment was at the front continually since the last of September. Our first drive was on Sept. 26 when we went "over the top" and took Montfaucon, in the Verdun sector. We also entered other towns but it was the largest and seemingly impregnable city, in whose capture our regiment participated.

"Our training in France took place in Camplittle, Haute Saone in which town I lived during August and left Sept. 5. We sailed from Hoboken on the great vessel Leviathan rather well known as "Vaterland," the largest passenger boat afloat. We landed in Brest, France, on the western coast of this country in six and one-half days, which usually takes fifteen days and from there we went to Laignes, a four days' ride in box cars—since leaving Camplittle. We have been in places too numerous to mention, Bar le Duc, Longesville, etc. We have not been to Paris or through there as yet.

IN TERRIFIC BATTLES.

"Daddy, the boys of our regiment sure showed up "white" in real actual warfare, and we were "sure in some" and am glad to have been included with the men I am with. While we have had lots to contend with, the boys have come out victorious and are happy. Yes, there must have been a wonderful celebration throughout the U. S. A. when the signing of the armistice was announced.

"I do not have any idea when I will get back to the states, maybe soon, then perhaps not so soon, can only wait and hope. You know there are countless Americans over here, and it is quite a task to get them all back and you know I have got to be a sport, not complain and stay till this big job is complete.

"My health has been very good all through the war, for which I am thankful. However, I have had lots of experience in the care of myself as you well know.

COULD GET MANY SOUVENIRS

"There are many refugees in Verdun now, both the French and English soldiers. This city is a mass of ruins and a wonderful example of the ruin enacted by the Boche. You should have seen the liberated prisoners, Italian, French and Americans, returning shortly after the signing of the armistice. How happy they looked. Just imagine their feelings. As to souvenirs, could get many, but a dough boy has no business with them, as I surely can't carry a lot of junk all over everywhere. The best souvenir I can bring home will be "yours truly." Of course, I have a few but they are small ones and I may lose them yet.

"Daddy, I have enjoyed your letters so much, typical of the American father to his boy in this great action "over here." I hope I may be favored with some more. You know this is Dad's Christmas letter. Yes, every soldier was encouraged to write Dad a letter on this date, and of course I did not want Pa Morgan slighted.

"I don't know how long I will be in Verdun, the only thing I am interested in now is what date we will reach Hoboken. Our Music Instructor "Band Leader", Fischer of Baltimore who of course, belongs to our Headquarters Company has been chosen to lead General Pershing's own band quite an honor for our company. Did I tell you I saw General Pershing. He visited our regiment the day previous to our going over the top, and entering Montfaucon, "certainly the Military" I should say so.

"I am enclosing a book of souvenirs—post cars, taken from views of the ruins of the city of Verdun. Also a five franc note. I am now quartered in a house about fifty feet from the Meuse river, seemingly about the only building that escaped the German shells.

"Give all the folks my dearest love from the boys so far away and on Christmas day, when you are all at home enjoying the pleasure of Yuletide, remember this fellow and how he is thinking of each and every one. Merry Christmas to all.

"Love to each one. Affectionately,

"WARREN L. MORGAN."

Capt. Dr. F. J. Eberschur has arrived home from Camp Grant at Rockford.

Miss Mary Reher, who is a yoemanette in service at Washington, D. C., is home for Christmas.

Lieut. Leal W. Reese who has been stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., has been discharged from service and has arrived home.

Marine Sebastian Kelley has arrived here from Paris Island, South Carolina, where he is a sergeant and for some time has been physical culture director on the island.

Mrs. J. H. Kirkpatrick has received a German knapsack and shoulder straps as a war trophey from her son, Private James Kirkpatrick, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

Miss Nellie Reese has arrived home from Athens, Ga., for a holiday visit.

TAKE BEST ROUTES FOR HARD ROADS

Engineers Will Study Conditions Carefully.

While the hard roads bond bill states between what cities the roads shall be built it does not specify what route will be taken and the department of public works and buildings sas sent out a circular letter to associations of commerce and similar organizations calling attention to this fact.

The letter also states that the department already has out in the state groups of reconnoisance engineers whose business it is to study the different routes between the cities specified in the law as those between which roads shall be built under the bond issue bill. These engineers will go over every road between the different main cities. They will study the topography of the ground, the service which the roads are already giving as indicated by the traffic which goes over them, and they will make a report to the state highways commission on these facts.

Not only will these engineers study these features but they will investigate the matter of grade crossings, sharp and dangerous curves and turns, and the like.

WILL MAKE REPORT.

These various facts will be presented in carefully drawn reports which will be put before the commission when the matter of what road should be improved is brought up for discussion.

This would indicate that while it is likely, for instance, that the Meridian Trail will be followed through Macon county from north to south, it is not certain. Or the Ocean to Ocean trail may be followed to Springfield but if the report should indicate that the north route would be better, then that might be chosen.

MAY APPEAL.

The letter also calls attention to the fact that a committee will hear suggestions or appeals from any who believe that a different road should be improved than the one which the commission will indicato as its preference. These appeals will be heard by a regularly constituted committee and the final decision as to which route will be improved will not be made until there is an opportunity for all to be heard who care to come before the commission.

It is the plan to start the improvement of the roads as soon as possible but it is expected that contractors with organizations to carry on this work on a large scale will not be plentiful for some time as engineering forces and labor conditions have been badly shot to pieces by the war.

Firm in Faith.

The Argonaut—A colored minister of the Baptist Church, so runs the story, in order to strengthen and confirm the faith of his congregation took as his text: "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea."

"Oh," said he, "how I like to read these precious words in the blessed Bible! You don't read anywhere about John the Presbyterian, or John the Methodist, or John the Episcopalian. No, brethren, it is John the Baptist."

HE SAW STEAMER MT. VERNON SUNK

Thirty-Seven Men Lost on Vessel.

Mrs. Addie McAtee, 112 East Eldorado street, is happy over the news from her son, P. E. Lyons, who has been on the U. S. Destroyer McDougal but who wrote that they expected to start from Brest for home Dec. 16.

His boat, which is one of those speeder 33 knots an hour terrors of submarines, has been on the high seas most of the time sub hunting and he has seen ships sunk and men lost from torpedoed craft. He is certain that the McDougal destroyed two subs. On one they dropped twelve of the depth bombs. He saw the U. S. Mt. Vernon sunk and thirty-seven men lost on her.

The fleet with which he was connected was the one which met President Wilson as he came to France. Lyons expected to go out to meet the president, escort him back to Brest, and then the thirty-three destroyers were to start for home. Boston was to be the home port and they expected to reach there about the middle of January.

NEW MINISTRY FOR PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—A new Portuguese ministry has been formed with Tamagnini Barbosa as premier.



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Christmas Greetings

Unselfish Service being the true expression of the Christmas Spirit, our Holiday Greetings are all the more sincere since we know that, in the year just ending, we have served you to the best of our ability at all times.

Sensible Economy being in harmony with the trend of the times, we are glad to say that next year we will continue our well-known policy of selling the highest quality drugs, sundries and cigars at the lowest possible prices.

Good Health being essential to your future success and happiness, we are glad in the knowledge that our usefulness in conserving the Public Health has not ended but promises to be greater in 1919 than ever before.

Yours for Health and Happiness

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Success and Good Will are kindred spirits.

The year of 1918 having been the most successful of our business career, it is with the most cordial appreciation of your patronage—through which, alone, this record was made possible—that we extend to all of you the Season's Greetings.

May Health, Happiness and Prosperity be yours through all the years to come.

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A Radical Clearance of 600 Beautiful Coats At The Most Important Reductions in Years



It's a Wonderful Stock to Go at Clearance Reductions

—Six hundred brand new coats to select from; more coats than most stores start the season with—all at these sensational after-Christmas reductions. Most clearances give you only the "left-overs," but due to continual buying we have a tremendous stock. And because we want a clean-sweep and decisive action we've cut prices to rock bottom.



See These Coats on Display in All of Our Show Windows

—Pay particular attention to the coats at $34.50 and at $39.50. See the luxurious models of Baffin Seal Plush, of fur-trimmed Jouliard Broadcloths, Duvet de Laine, other fine and expensive materials. You MUST see them to fully appreciate this sale.

Why Not Invest Your Cash Present in a Fine New Coat?



$17.50 to $22.50 Coats for $9.50
—Smart looking styles, in warm, serviceable coats made of zibelines, cheviots, plaids, mercerized plush and velvet cords. Best things sold regularly from $17.50 up to $22.50; this sale

$9.50

$25.00 to $30.00 Coats for $14.50
—Beautiful all-wool Burrella cloth coats, genuine silk seal plush coats, fur-fabric trimmed; fine velvet coats, cheviot coats and Egyptian plush coats. Best $25 to $30 garments; choice

$14.50

$32.50 to $37.50 Coats for $18.50
—Beautiful silk, seal plush coats, with big shawl collars —full lined; coats of soft, fine texture velour and other popular fabrics; new styles —all colors. Best $32.50 to $37.50 values at

$18.50

$39.50 to $42.50 Coats for $22.50
—Elegant, deep-nap, silk plush coats, fine Burrella cloth coats, storm cheviot coats, in extra sizes and many other materials. Every coat well made—full lined. Best values to $42.50, at

$22.50

$45.00 to $50.00 Coats for $29.50
—Rich broadcloth coats with Hudson Seal plush collars silk lined; finest velour coats; extra fine seal plush coats with beaver plush collars; beauties. Coats sold to $50, all at choice

$29.50

$55.00 to $65.00 Coats for $34.50
—Silk lined coats of Duvet de Laine, Duvetyn, Bolivia, Pom Pom, Baffin Seal Plush, Jouliard Broadcloths and Jerseys, silvertone, etc. Many fur trimmed. Actually values to $65, choice

$34.50

$67.50 to $75.00 Coats for $39.50
—Lavishly fur trimmed coats, royally styled; developed of grades of Saber Seal Plush, Baffin Seal and best Salts plushes, Bolivia, Jouliard Broadcloth, Pom Pom, etc. $67.50 to $75.00 coats at

$39.50

NOTICE! All of our finest coats—of the rarest fabrics and fur trimmings—retailed up to $175—are included at proportionate reductions.

Suit Sacrifice! Suits Sold Up To $80, Choice $19.50

—Not in several years have you seen a suit sacrifice like this. The manufacturers could not buy the materials in many of these suits for $19.50. A hundred of them to go—and, of course, the finest ones will go first, so come early. It will pay any woman to buy one at this price and lay it away for next fall. There is a complete range of sizes.

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Society

SINCE the censorship has been moderated Mrs. C. C. Crumbaker has learned that her husband is stationed at Beauchemin, France, a place about 125 miles from Paris. Mr. Crumbaker is in the anti-aircraft service, and writes that he is busy doing regular infantry drill but that there is no machine gun work being done now. While the men are all kept busy they feel that they will be returned to this country before so very long, since their branch of the service is no longer needed.

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Leslie Taylor came from Chicago Tuesday to spend Christmas with his wife, who is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Field. Edward Keyes, who has been in a training camp for the past few months, came the middle of the week, and is with his wife at the Field home.

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MR and Mrs J. W. Van Cleve and daughters, Miss Luella and Miss Ethel, came from Evanston Tuesday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs Edgar H. Allen. Mrs. Allen is serving the family Christmas dinner today in her home Mr and Mrs. John Allen are the only other guests.

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Mr. and Mrs T. T. Roberts had the family dinner at their home this noon. Tenbrook Roberts arrived Saturday from the east and will be here for a few days Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DuMont and daughter, Rachel, of Detroit are here, along with Dick Roberts of Bloomington, and W. T. Roberts of St. Louis.

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Lieutenant Charles Walsh, from Mississippi, is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. E Staley.

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Miss Winifred Minturn is down from Chicago spending Christmas at her home near Moweaqua. Miss Minturn, who is training for ambulance driving, expects to finish her course in Chicago even though the war is over.

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Miss Hilda Creech is spending Christmas in Decatur with Miss Lenore Mueller Miss Creech is now employed by the Champaign Gazette.

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CHRISTMAS is being spent quietly today at the executive mansion in Springfield There are no guests and only the Lowden family is present for the day.

A holiday event of interest at the mansion, however, will be a tea dance to be given next Tuesday by Misses Harriett and Frances Lowden for the younger social set. The hours will be from 4 to 7. Many of the young folks home from schools for the holidays will be guests. On New Years day Governor and Mrs. Lowden will receive at the annual New Years reception. State officials and their wives will also be in the receiving line. The hours will be from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

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CHRISTMAS was duly celebrated in Decatur today. The family dinner parties are still, as they always have been, the most popular way of spending the holiday. Nearly every one arranges to spend this day at home if that is at all possible.

There is little doing in the way of big events. The Elks club is having open house all day, with a dinner and dance this evening It was expected that there would be 100 people at the dinner this evening. The club rooms are adorned in proper Christmas style.

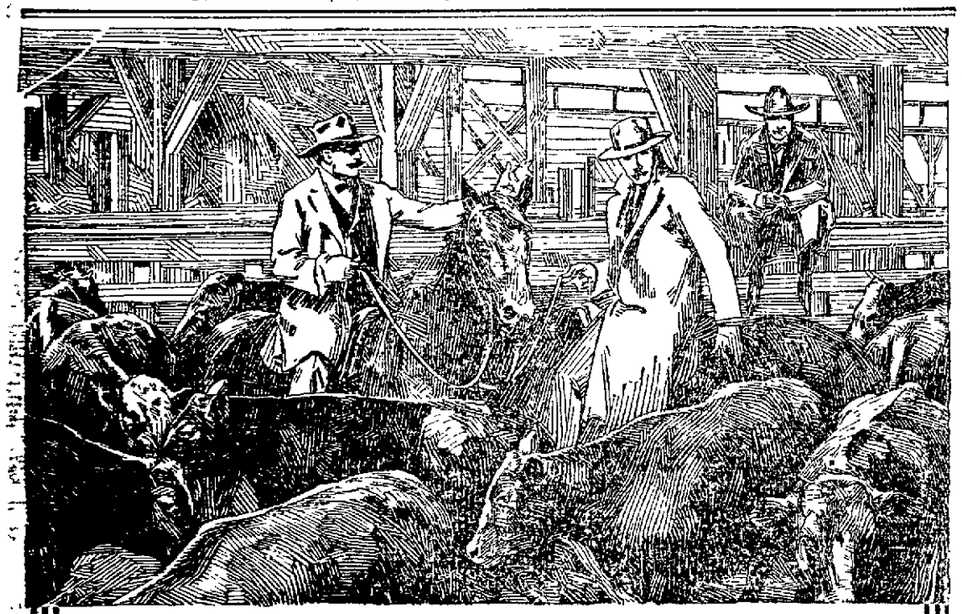
At the Country club more than thirty people ate their Christmas dinner at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon. A number of family groups were in the party.

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MRS Everett Penhallegon received a cablegram from her husband in France wishing her a Merry Christmas Her parents received Christmas cards from him written from France where he is still stationed Mr Penhallegon does not know how soon he will be returned to this country, but he would not be surprised to have word to come at any time.

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The subscription dance held at the Hotel Orlando Tuesday evening was largely attended by the young people home from their schools in the east, and by the men who have been in the service and have just returned for the holidays.



Cattle Buying For Swift & Company

Swift & Company buys more than 9000 head of cattle on an average, every market day.

Each one of them is "sized up" by experts.

Both the packer's buyer and the commission salesman must judge what amount of meat each animal will yield, and how fine it will be, the grading of the hide, and the quantity and quality of the fat.

Both must know market conditions for live stock and meat throughout the country. The buyer must know where the different qualities, weights, and kinds of cattle can be best marketed as beef. If the buyer pays more than the animal is worth, the packer loses money on it. If he offers less, another packer, or a shipper or feeder, gets it away from him.

If the seller accepts too little, the live-stock raiser gets less than he is entitled to. If he holds out for more than it is worth, he fails to make a sale.

A variation of a few cents in the price per hundred pounds is a matter of vital importance to the packer, because it means the difference between profit and loss.

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Ladies! Here Goes the Entire Gebhart Stock Of 600 Fine New Coats

The coat sale you've been waiting for begins Thursday—H. S. Gebhart Co's After-Christmas Clearance. A display advertisement on page seven today tells the details. Note the $30 genuine seal plush coats for $14.50; the $50 broadcloth coats for $29 50; the $55 to $65 fur trimmed pom pom, duvet de laine, velour and other fine coats at $34.50. See, also, the amazing sacrifice of $60 to $80 suits at $19 50 An unprecedented offer.

Read the "ad"; see the garments displayed in all our windows And remember the sale opens Thursday morning.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Large Attendance of Catholics and Lutherans.

The usual Christmas masses were held today at the Catholic churches. Father Healy, Jesuit father from St. Louis, who assisted at the services at St. Patrick's church, gave a most eloquent and instructive sermon at the 5 o'clock mass this morning. The other usual masses were held, the last one being the high mass at 10 30.

At St. James' church there were the regular masses at 5, 8 and 10 o'clock this morning Special Christmas music was given.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

The early Christmas morning service at the English Lutheran church at 6 o'clock this morning was well attended. The Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. G. Catlin, was based on Luke 1-78 79. Special music was given by the choir. A pretty feature was the Christmas tree in the chancel, which was electrically lighted. This afternoon the Sunday school's Christmas entertainment was given. It was a Christmas cantata. The Christmas tree was again lighted for the service this afternoon. A treat of candy was given the children.

ST. JOHANNES AT 6 A. M.

For the first time St. Johannes' Lutheran church had an early morning service on Christmas, and it proved most enjoyable to the people who attended. It was held at 6 o'clock this morning and the English language was used. The special music for the occasion included numbers by the Glee club, the children's choir and A. J. Holtman's class

At 10 30 this morning another service was held this one being in the German language. The mixed choir and A. F. Droegemueller's children's choir sang at this service.

Both services were well attended.

The children's entertainment was given Tuesday night and was very successfully carried out Candy and nuts were the treat given the children. A big Christmas tree, and the sign, "Glory to God in the Highest" across the front of the church, were the principal decorations.

WAR TIME PAGEANT.

A war-time pageant was one of the features of the Christmas program at the First United Brethren church Tuesday evening. The main character that of Love, was taken by Tulia Munch. Ruth Cliffin represented a Red Cross nurse. Lieut. Roy Reeter as the soldier represented the life of sacrifice Miss Pauline Shuee was America, Edith Montgomery England, Mary Long France and Gertrude Munch Italy.

Several selections were given by the orchestra. The rest of the program of the evening consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs, tableaux and pantomime. A free-will offering was taken to be used for the benefit of the Otterbein home

The children of the lower departments received a treat. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

THIRD UNITED BRETHREN.

The Christmas exercises at the Third United Brethren church this year were pronounced by all to be the best that have ever been held in the church. The children had charge of the program Sunday night and their work was quite remarkable. They gave a program of Christmas songs and readings. The church was packed for the occasion. Following the program there was a Christmas treat for the children of the Sunday school, and after they had all had their little party Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Boggs were presented with a $5 gold piece from the congregation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boggs spoke a word of appreciation for this unexpected gift.

ST. PAUL'S BIG TREE.

A twenty-foot Christmas tree, lighted with electricity, was a pretty feature at St Paul's Lutheran church for the Christmas entertainment by the children Tuesday evening. The program was an excellent one considering the difficulties under which it was arranged, so many of the children being out on account of illness. A treat was given the children. The singing was one of the most enjoyable parts of the program.

A Christmas service was held Wednesday morning at the church the pastor, Rev Theodore Lohrmann, delivering a Christmas sermon

ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL.

St. John's church had a Christmas service Wednesday morning.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS TONIGHT.

Sunday school Christmas programs will be held tonight at the Trinity Methodist, Westminster and Presbyterian and Second United Brethren churches. There will be a Christmas vesper service at Grace church and a Christmas stereopticon lecture at St. Paul's Methodist church.

UNION COURT OFFICERS.

New officers were elected by Union Court of Calanthe, Monday night. They are as follows: Worthy inspector, Carrie Holt; W. C., Carrie Turner; W. I., Lou McReynolds, W. O., Hannah Bailey; R. of D., Georgia Leftlet; R. of A., Rose Slaughter; R. of D., Mary Moore; S. D., Eva Taylor; J. D. Henrietta Elliott, M. C., Ada Jameson; Escort Jessie Dunn; Herald, Dora Dulin, Protector, John C. Ellis; trustees three years, Carrie Holt; two years, Mary Moore; one year, Anna Bronner; Delegate, Carrie Holt

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This was costly, but it solved the problem for the time being. Now, however, we find that these small shipments are constantly increasing—we have received as many as 1,306 in a single mail. It is becoming impossible for us to fill these promptly, and instead of distributing our goods more quickly, they are really slowing up the process.

We believe that we can serve you better now by reverting to our former policy of shipping exclusively thru the jobber, and, effective immediately, no more drop shipments will be made.

While we have put on a night shift and have, thereby, about doubled our production, we are still unable to fill our back orders and won't be able to give each jobber all the VapoRub he wants. Hence, it will be necessary for the jobbers to continue distributing VapoRub in small lots only. But we will be able to furnish each jobber at least twice the quantity of VapoRub that he purchased for the corresponding month last year, so there should not be any difficulty in your getting your pro rata share.

We feel that the public appreciates the service that the retail and wholesale drug trade have rendered the country in this time of stress. We wish to express to both branches of the trade our thanks for the kind co-operation extended us in our efforts to meet this emergency.

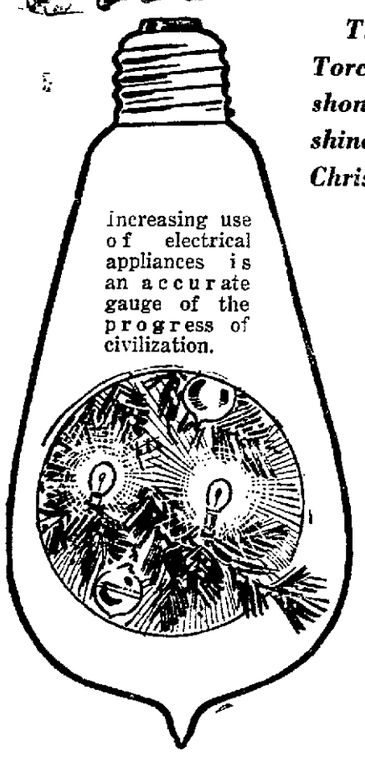
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$610 FOR ORPHANS FROM TAG DAY

Girls Brave Bad Day and Do Well.

The tag day for the French war orphans Tuesday realized $610.02 for the fund for the fatherless children of France and the executive committee of women who had charge of the girls who made the canvas for them during all of the stormy day on the streets and in the banks, stores and hotels of the city, are extremely appreciative of the work done by them.

TIME EXTENDED

Owing to the epidemic of influenza which is on in this country the time for the completion of the work of placing the quotas of orphans assigned to each county has been extended to Feb. 1.

The number assigned to Macon county is 216 and of this number it is said that 100 have already been provided for by individuals, clubs, societies, sororities and other organizations.

On Tuesday Mrs. C. G. Powers and Mrs. W. M. Wood each took an orphan.

FOSTER MOTHERS

The executive committee has decided that the fifteen girls collecting the largest amounts during the tag day Tuesday will be made the foster mothers of as many different orphans in France and their names and addresses will go to these little people abroad as being their American helpers.

THE FIRST FIFTEEN

The first fifteen girls and the amounts they realized Tuesday are as follows:

Alsace A. Sullivan	$ 48 08
Electa Applegate	47 57
Helen Carter	47 40
Zella Travers	46 81
Aimee Dunn	47 65
Maude Wolfe	40 19
Elizabeth Moffett	24 48
Cora Giles	24 16
Maxine Nell	23 80
Annabelle Dey	23 25
Cecil Wasson	22 15
Irene Richards	20 55
Dorothy Odor	17 58
Jewel Hurlburt	16 97
Helen Coffman	13 50

Other girls taking part in the drive and who braved the weather were Misses Esther Wrenn, Doris Beall, Mary Foran, Eloise Robinson, Edna Hewitt, Denise Foster, Frances Cruikshank, Roberta Shields, Janice Widdich, Edwina Irving, Elizabeth Dressen.

WANT ADDRESSES

Miss Gussie Gorin, 328 West Prairie avenue, would like to have the full names and street addresses of those fifteen girls so that an absolutely correct address may be put on the records.

TUSCOLA MERCHANTS HAD BIG TRADE

Tuscola, Dec. 25.—Merchants of Tuscola reported a big day of Christmas trade Tuesday, and it is said that the sales of holiday goods this year have far exceeded those in 1918 for the holiday business. People who bought gifts selected useful articles.

Money was largely used as gifts and there was a great demand at the banks Tuesday for gold coins, in denominations all the way from two and a half dollars up to the twenties. There was more call, however, for the fives than any others, and new, crisp bills were also in demand for the same purpose.

Public gatherings of all kinds being prohibited on account of the influenza epidemic, there were no Christmas entertainments at any of the local churches.

Word was received here Tuesday that the funeral party with the body of Mrs. S. E. Caraway, who died Monday afternoon in Evanston, will arrive here Thursday. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Page of Hume were in Tuscola Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ramsey returned to their home in Springfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Smith went to Decatur Tuesday.

M. J. Porterfield and Claude Turner of Murdock were in Tuscola yesterday.

James P. Huston has opened a lunchroom on Central avenue, opposite the C. & E. I. station.

Thomas J. Baldwin, a Civil war veteran, is ill at his home.

Mrs. Bierfeldt and granddaughter, Miss Gladys Wilson, went to Danville Tuesday evening to spend Christmas.

E. F. Thompson went to Chicago Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward and son went to Danville Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Vint Tuttle, Tuscola, 28; Florence E. Jenkins, Tuscola, 19.

Charles W. Weber, Tuscola, 30; Marona Honegar, Tuscola, 20.

L. P. LESTER DEAD.

Lemuel P. Lester, a well-known retired farmer, died at his home on North Main street Monday night. Mr. Lester had spent the greater part of his life on his farm northwest of Tuscola, but a few years ago suffered a stroke of partial paralysis, leaving him unable to attend to farm work, and he located a short time ago in Tuscola. He was 69 years old and leaves a family of married children. He was born in Garrett township and has made his home in this county his entire life.

NO LOAFING SIGNS IN BEMENT STORES

Bement, Dec. 25.—On account of the influenza epidemic all precautions are to be taken. Posters saying "Do not congregate or loaf here. Transact your business and retire," are placed in the post office and all places of business. This is by order of the board of health.

HARD ON POSTMASTER.

Postmaster W. G. Cloyd had all kinds of trouble Monday morning when a rural carrier notified him that he was sick and unable to go out on his route. Former Carrier C. F. Knapp, recently released from the S. A. T. C., consented to go, but had no conveyance. The roads were too bad for a Ford. After trying in a dozen places all in vain, for a horse and buggy, the postmaster found one belonging to a farmer, and for the good of the postal service, requisitioned it.

The heirs of William Ganley sold the home place, just east of town, to Walter Bentley, Saturday. Mr. Bentley will take possession at once.

Leland Branner was mustered out at Camp Grant last week and has returned to Bement.

Burr Gregory, who has been in camp at Montgomery, Ala., returned to Bement Monday, having received his discharge.

Louis Nash of the U. S. navy is at home on furlough. He came from New York Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker and Mrs. Henry Albers of Atwood were in Bement Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle went to Centerville, Kansas, Monday, to spend Christmas.

Mrs. J. N. Taylor and Miss Mary Taylor went to Detroit, Mich., Saturday to be guests until after Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Taylor.

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JACK FROST CREAM is a dainty antiseptic cream, inhaled in the nostrils it relieves congestion, opens the air passages and encourages deep breathing. Thus the system receives a more abundant supply of life-giving oxygen—nature's great purifier. Good for cold in the head, coughs, croup, sore throat, etc.



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FUNERALS.

J. L. PATTERSON

The funeral of J. L. Patterson was held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Moran's chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. Roy G. Catlin, pastor of the First English Lutheran church. There was a large attendance. The music was furnished by Mrs. Corydon C. Nicholson and Mrs. W. Roy Essick. There were many beautiful floral tributes, in charge of Mrs. J. Joplin, Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. A. Abbott, Mrs. Clyde Day and Miss Louise Rice. The pallbearers were John Fagan, Theodore Ross, J. R. Gaston, O. H. Jennings, R. Kresin and Mark Moran. The interment was in Greenwood.

MRS. W. H. WALLACE

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Wallace was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, 1529 East Main street. The services were conducted by Rev. Edna Wells Hoke. The house was filled with friends. The Ladies' auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans conducted their ritualistic exercises at the house and the Daughters of Pocahontas conducted their ritualistic exercises at the grave.

The music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Hoke.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, in charge of Mrs. Helen White, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, Mrs. Myrtle Powell, Mrs. Adah Walton, Mrs. Fairchilds and Miss Dora Lambert.

The pallbearers were George Dodson, Luther Dodson, F. White, William Cottle, O. McDonald and J. White. The interment was in Fairlawn cemetery.

WILLIAM CURRAN

The funeral of William (Buck) Curran will be held at 9 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father J. Murphy. The interment will be in Calvary.

MRS. FRANK BROWN

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Brown will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Blue Mound chapel. The interment will be in the Brown cemetery.

ON FURLOUGH GETS MARRIED

Glenn Snyder of Moweaqua and Miss Hazel Blakemore of Brownstown

Glenn Snyder, of Moweaqua, and Miss Hazel Blakemore of Brownstown were married at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist parsonage by Rev. Freeman A. Havighurst. The couple were attended by a brother of the groom, Roy Snyder, and Miss Deana Blankenship of Moweaqua.

Mr. Snyder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Snyder, living two miles north of Moweaqua. Before enlisting in the air service of the United States Mr. Snyder was manager of a garage in Brownstown. Before that he was employed in the Drysdale garage in Decatur. At present Mr. Snyder is stationed at Brindly Field, Long Island, and after spending a twelve day furlough at his home in Moweaqua he will go east to await his discharge. Mrs. Snyder has been living with her aunt and uncle in Brownstown, and will probably remain there while her husband is in the east.

INFLUENZA BAN ON IN BEMENT

Bement, Dec. 25.—No meetings of any kind are to be held until such time as the board of health deems it wise to raise the quarantine. Children are forbidden to be on the street except on necessary errands.

A number of new cases are reported each day. Whole families are sick. Just at the busiest season, it was necessary Tuesday to send the only man clerk at the Post Office, Tom Allen, out on the route. With two nearly all day.

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LOST AND FOUND.

Lost—Moose watch fob. Reward if returned to 506 E. Marietta or Phone 1747.

Lost—Package, pair grey kid gloves. Return to Biehrach's.

The person who took the package containing 6 linen men's handkerchiefs and pair of mens' kid gloves from the pattern counter at Gushard's Saturday evening please return to Gushard's.

Lost—Lady's black umbrella. Straight mahogany handle on Eldorado street car, Sunday night. Reward. Call Main 1126.

Lost—Black umbrella with gold handle Saturday evening. Call Main 13 on 1 and charge same to me.

Will party who found check made payable to the National Biscuit Co., from Chas. Wykoff & Son, please phone Main 11.

WANTED—POSITIONS.

Wanted—Position on farm by experienced man. Married. Charles Wint, No. Sims, Ill.

WANTED—HELP.

Wanted—District manager for Decatur and vicinity. Seven ply sure Tread tires, sell for less than lighter weight tires. Must be a worker and have ability to handle salesmen. Appointment on telephone or meet Ross K. New, at the St. Nicholas Thursday, Dec. 26.

WANTED—SALESMEN.

Salesman Wanted—I want a clean cut energetic young salesman for central Illinois territory. Expenses advanced. No pikers need try to take up my time. Call evenings ask for Mr. Selby at New Decatur Hotel.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

Wanted—Three boys with wheels to deliver. Peterson Floral Co.

Men—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach barber trade in few weeks. Write, Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Wanted—Girl to do housework; family of four. 867 North Church. W. C. Bidwell.

Wanted—Good washer and ironer to take laundry to her home. Main 6190. 1345 North Union.

Wanted—Girl for general housework. Mrs. Leon A. Monson, 1029 W. Main.

Wanted—Competent girl for general house work. No washing. 505 S. Fairview. Main 5201.

Wanted—Young lady about 22, healthy willing obedient and who will attend strictly to business for general office work in retail store. Hours 8 to 6 Saturdays 9 to 9. Salary $10.00. Apply personally. Gately's, 346 N. Main St.

Wanted—Ladies for photographic work; experience unnecessary; no attention paid to phone call. Only those desiring permanent work need apply. C. R. Willis, 255 North Main.

WANTED—TO BUY.

Wanted—To purchase for client, residence property. Name location, describe fully. Address L-506 Review.

Wanted to Buy—Man and boy's bicycle. Jean Ray, 515 N. Jasper.

Wanted—We pay cash for pianos, violins, safes, typewriters. Have Ford cars for sale. Sifen, 459 N. Water.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

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Wanted—The use of a good milk cows will pay reasonable price for same. Good care. Address L-535 Care Review.

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Wanted—Dressmaking, satisfaction guaranteed. Main 4694.

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Wanted—Paper hanging; prompt service. D. M. Smith call after 6 p.m. Main 3371

Wanted—Shingling and roof repairing and painting flues. Main 4930.

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WANTED TO RENT.

Wanted to Rent—House of 4 or 5 rooms, partly modern. Call Main 4757.

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Wanted—By a Decatur man, a modern sleeping room in private home. References exchanged. Address P. O. Box 255.

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Wanted to Rent—Modern cottage, west side by Feb. 1st, best of references. Call Main 131.

Wanted to Rent—Two or three furnished modern rooms for light housekeeping by small family. Would like to have possession by Jan. 1st. Main 4464.

Wanted to Rent—Furnished apartment or cottage for two. Gus Booker. Main 6349.

FOR RENT—ROOMS.

For Rent—Nicely furnished room, with city heat. 220 W. North.

For Rent—2 nicely furnished modern sleeping rooms. 418 W. William.

For Rent—Furnished front room, first floor, private entrance, modern conveniences, business women preferred. 531 W. Main. Main 1876.

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For Rent—Six room modern house except furnace $18. Schoenle & O'Mara, Main 2208.

For Rent—Six room house. 123 East Washington St. Call 364 South Main St.

For Rent—Five room cottage and only blacksmith shop in Pierson, Ill. Call Main 1490.

FOR RENT—FLATS.

For Rent—5 room modern flat over 228 W. Main. $15. Phone Main 479.

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For Rent—Light Fireproof basement 70X 165 ft. Main and Prairie. William Suffern.

Store Room—28x70 ft. on N. Water with railroad facilities. Main 5520.

For Rent—Store room 20x95 feet. 535 North Water street, white tile floor, large show window, owner furnishes heat. Call Main 1490.

FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK.

For Sale—Good milch cow. Call Fairview 227.

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For Sale—Thoroughbred Barred Rock Cockerels. Choice lot. Phone Mt. Zion. Mrs. W. Broughton, Decatur, Ill. R. R. 6.

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For Sale—Flemish Giant Rabbits. Harley J. Lockart, Westervelt, Ill.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

Lease For Sale—One of the best store buildings on Water St. 3 floors and electric elevator. Address L-545 Review.

For Sale—One 5 horsepower gasoline engine. Good as new, used only one month. D. S. Bachelder, 725 East Cerro Gordo.

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For Sale—Pop corn, that pops. D. M. Smith. Phone Main 3371.

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33x4	27.50	28.85	4.15
34x4	28.10	29.50	4.25
33x4½	36.70	38.55	4.95
34x4½	37.90	39.80	5.20
35x4½	39.60	41.60	5.40
36x4½	40.20	42.25	5.65
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1—1917 Ford roadster.

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160 acres good black soil improvements new. Located near Springfield Ill., $200 per acre. Address Box 436, Springfield, Ill. Call Bell Main 351.

For Sale or Exchange—160 acre stock and grain farm, 2½ miles of Tower Hill, Ill. Good improvements. Write or call, J. C. Pitzer, Tower Hill, Ill.

For Sale—360 acre Illinois Grain and Hay farm. Dark soil. Tile drained. Lays perfect. Every acre under cultivation. Four miles of market. Just 2 hours ride from Decatur. An exceptional bargain. $100 per acre. Good terms. Address Box 643, Huntington, Ind.

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For Sale—83 acres of good black land thoroughly tiled, 1½ miles of good small town, well fenced and cross fenced, good house, barn and outbuildings, possession, March 1st, $250 per acre. 300 acres seven miles of a city of ten thousand, on Pike road close to elevator; 245 acres good black land, well tiled, balance just a little lighter soil, good house seven rooms, good barn, good double cribs, scales, orchard and only $200 per acre. J. W. Maddox, Oakland, Ill.

For Sale—A few choice Missouri farms; improved stock and grain farms; 810 acres, $30 per acre; 500 acres, $65 per acre; 750 acres, $50 per acre; also number of small farms. These are rare bargains easy terms. Write me for particulars. H. J. Dunbar, Quincy, Ill.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Charles E. Padgitt deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Charles E. Padgitt, late of the County of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that she will appear before the County Court of Macon County, at the Court House in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1918.

FLORENCE PADGITT
Administratrix.

Jack & Boggess, Attys.

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5 acre, improved, close in.
20 acre improved, 2 miles from city.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, County of Macon, ss.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, A. D., 1919.

Henry Tucker vs. Louisa A. Washburn, et al., in Chancery. Bill for partition. No. 25087.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that Louisa A. Washburn, Paulina D. Washburn, Libe Washburn, Alice L. Washburn, Sarah Craig, Carrie Whitmore, Mary A. Studley, Rufus B. Tucker, Marcia L. Stanley, Herbert Miner, Frank Miner, Fred Miner, L. J. Miner, Louisa Josephine Wolf, May Rouseville and Mrs. W. D. Mills, sixteen of the defendants in the above entitled cause, are non-residents of the State of Illinois, notice is hereby given to each of you the said Louisa A. Washburn, Paulina D. Washburn, Libe Washburn, Alice L. Washburn, Sarah Craig, Carrie Whitmore, Mary A. Studley, Rufus B. Tucker, Marcia L. Stanley, Herbert Miner, Frank Miner, Fred Miner, L. J. Miner, Louise Josephine Wolf, May Rouseville, Mrs. W. D. Mills, that the above named complainant has filed his bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is now pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against each of you, the said Louisa A. Washburn, Paulina Washburn, Libe Washburn, Alice L. Washburn, Sarah Craig, Carrie Whitmore, Mary A. Studley, Rufus B. Tucker, Marcia L. Stanley, Herbert Miner, Frank Miner, Fred Miner, L. J. Miner, Louise Josephine Wolf, May Rouseville and Mrs. W. D. Mills, returnable on the first day of the next January term thereof to be held at the Court House in Decatur on the second Monday of January A. D. 1919. Now unless you, the said Louisa A. Washburn, Paulina D. Washburn, Libe Washburn, Alice L. Washburn, Sarah Craig, Carrie Whitmore, Mary A. Studley, Rufus B. Tucker, Marcia L. Stanley, Herbert Miner, Frank Miner, Fred Miner, L. J. Miner, Louise Josephine Wolf, May Rouseville and Mrs. W. D. Mills, shall each be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead answer or demur to said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 11th day of December, A. D. 1918.

JOHN ALLEN,
Clerk.

(Seal)
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Clara B. Moothart, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Clara B. Moothart, late of the County of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon County, at the Court House in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1918.

JOHN H. MOOTHART,
Administrator.

O. W. Smith, Atty.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, County of Macon, ss.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, A. D., 1919.

Carmen Johnson, by next friend, etc., vs. James E. McKinney, in chancery.

It appearing by affidavit filed in my office, that James E. McKinney the defendant in the above, entitled cause is a non-resident of the State of Illinois, and that he resides U. S. Kansas, Naval Division, care Postmaster New York City, New York and that defendant's former residence was Glenwood, Kan., notice is hereby given to you the said James E. McKinney, that the above named complainant has filed her bill of complaint in said court on the chancery side thereof, which said suit is now pending, and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against you, the said James E. McKinney, returnable on the first day of the next January term thereof, to be held at the Court House in Decatur on the second Monday of January, A. D., 1919. Now unless you, the said James E. McKinney, shall be and appear on the first day of said term of said court, and plead answer or demur to said bill of complaint the same will be taken as confessed against you and decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1918.

JOHN ALLEN,
Clerk Circuit Court

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DAVIS — 348 —

Cupid Censorship For Yanks Coming Home To Be Extended

By FREDERICK M. KERBY.

New York.—Cupid's censor in the marriage license office in New York city is likely to be duplicated throughout the country.

The job is to keep irresponsible soldier lads from hasty marriages.

The result, in New York, has been a veto on more than 20 of the 400 applications for marriage licenses by soldiers.

And four and a half per cent when the soldiers begin to come home at the rate of 50,000 a week would be the prevention of many unhappy marriages.

Social workers are urging wide adoption of the plan.

Captain Don I. Monteith of the provost marshal general's department is the New York censor. He is installed in City Clerk Patrick J. Scully's office by the War Department to prevent soldiers from becoming the victims of designing women, who are after the soldier's allowance money; and to prevent hasty marriages resulting from flirtations.

Captain Monteith also looks out for girls, obviously not of age, but merely infatuated with a uniform.

"We are working only in an advisory capacity," said the captain today, "but Clerk Scully follows our recommendations. When a soldier comes in here drunk or with a young girl, I just advise them to think it over. When the boy gets sober he seldom comes back.

"In other cases we investigate the answers to our questions and if we find they are untruthful, the applicant is denied a license under the state law."

Captain Monteith has prepared a "questionnaire" for soldiers and would-be brides.

Inability to answer the questions offhand has prevented many hasty and undesirable marriages.



CAPTAIN MONTEITH'S QUESTIONNAIRE.

Name?
Rank?
Organization?
Present station?
When enlisted?
Date of arrival?
Parents living?
Their names?
Their residence?
Name of Bride?
Her residence?
Her age?
Her place of birth?
Where did you meet?
What date?
Bride's parents living?
Their names?
Their residence?
When was marriage arranged?

NO INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA NOW

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia, at least for the present, according to indications from official circles. Great Britain and the United States, it is represented, while recognizing that Russia should be assisted in a way to permit her to return to normal conditions, point out that military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and danger of all kinds.

Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, explained the situation at length to the committee on foreign relations yesterday. He said the solution at present favored was to guarantee moral support to the governments which had sprung up at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

TELEGRAM FROM RETURNING SON

Frank R. Snyder Arrived in New York on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. W. H. Snyder 1328 North Union street, Wednesday morning received the following telegram from her son, Frank R. Snyder, who has been in France for the last few months

"New York, Dec. 24.

"Real Christmas. You and father. Arrived tonight. Home soon. Love."

On Tuesday a letter was received from him saying that he would be sent home soon. That letter was written on Thanksgiving eve.

Rev. Harley Marsh Better.

Rev. Harley T. Marsh who has been quite sick at his home with the influenza was a little improved on Christmas morning and it was hoped that he would be able to be up in a few days.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS — NO ALARM CLOCK WAS NECESSARY THIS MORNING — By ALLMAN



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EXPECTED TO BE HOME BY CHRISTMAS

Harry Van Praag Waiting for Transport.

Harry Van Praag, who is with the field artillery in France, has sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Van Praag, that they might just as well set a place for him for the Christmas dinner as he expected when he wrote the letter, Dec. 1, to be home then.

At that time the regiment with which he was serving had been taken to an embarkation point and was stationed not far from the docks waiting for a transport.

From another son, Lieutenant Alex Van Praag, the Decatur father had a "Dad's Christmas letter" in which he tells of the comfortable place he has at last found at Mayer, near Le Mans France, where he has a real bed, a real table and a fireplace in his room In his officers' mess on Thanksgiving, he stated, they would have turkey and real pie.

SHOW CASE.

The glass show case in front of the Ellis W. Armstrong drug store in the 100 block North Water street was broken into about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and some toilet articles and other small goods were taken.

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1200 EAST ELDORADO

TODAY
MATINEE AND NIGHT
One Show Matinee at 2:30
BESSIE LOVE
—in—
"LITTLE SISTER OF EVERYBODY"
—ALSO—
PATHE NEWS

TODAY
AMERICAN
Matinee and Night
Franklin Farnum
—IN—
The Great Mystery Drama
"The Empty Cab"
ALSO
A Lyons Comedy
—AND—
WAR REVIEW
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TOMORROW—Corine Griffith in "The Menace." Also "The Fight for Millions."

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TODAY AND TOMORROW
Cecil B. DeMille's Big, New Reproduction of
THE SQUAW MAN
With an All-Star Cast, Including

Elliott Dexter	Ann Little	Jack Holt
Katherine MacDonald	Theodore Roberts	Thuston Hall
Edwin Stevens	Tully Marshall	Helen Dunbar
Julia Faye	Herbert Standing	Noah Beery

AND OTHER NOTED PLAYERS.

To Cecil DeMille, producer of special subjects on a massive scale, was given the task of producing a big Artcraft "special" for 1919. He chose "THE SQUAW MAN" as his biggest subject for that purpose. Four years ago he had produced this successful play, but with the advance in motion picture science, he saw its possibilities as a super-production. Accordingly he selected an all-star cast, and with new scenes and new photographic effects, you'll be surprised and delighted with this photoplay. This is a new release, and in order to show it in Decatur on Christmas Day, the films have been specially shipped to us direct from New York.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS
Sunshine Comedy, "Who's Your Father?"
"The Depths of the Sea"

	Children	Adults
Afternoon, 2:00 and 3:45	5c	10c
Evening, 7:00 and 8:45	5c and 10c	10c and 15c
	Plus War Tax	

Seats on Mezzanine Floor May Be Reserved Without Advance n Prices.

Friday and Saturday—Tom Moore in "Thirty a Week"

Greetings:—

We hope that this may, more than any Christmas that has gone before, be a Christmas of Happy Hearts and Happy Homes.

We are hoping that the New Year will bring Health, Happiness and Prosperity to every American—and that YOU may be one of the most favored in the enjoyment of these blessings.

We trust that this season finds you richer, by 365 days of success and usefulness, than did Christmas a year ago.

For ourselves, we find pleasure in whatever we have done to make this season, through our services and our merchandise, a Happy Christmas for others.

We are grateful, too, for the growth of our business, and beg to express to you our appreciation for your patronage.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Over United Cigar Store, Decatur, Illinois

STONINGTON YOUTH TAKES OWN LIFE

Taylorville, Dec. 25.—Truman Buis, age 20 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buis, who live at Stonington, shot himself in the heart Tuesday afternoon in his room in his parents' home with a 32 calibre revolver. No cause for the act has been found.

The boy worked at the Marquard garage as usual Tuesday morning and seemed in the best of spirits. The revolver was held so close to his body that the report was muffled, and his mother, working downstairs, did not hear anything. She discovered her son on the floor of his room gasping his last, as she made a trip upstairs on some household errand.

Young Buis was born and reared in Stonington His parents, three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Covington, Mrs. Leslie Gebhart and Miss Lodema Buis, survive, as do three brothers, Homer, Howard and Lloyd Buis.

TOVEY MAN BACK.

Among the wounded soldiers who have arrived on the transport George Washington in New York Monday, was Ralph Cardoni, brother of Charles Cardoni of Tovey. Ralph is a member of Co. A, 23rd infantry and was hit in the leg with a machine gun bullet on Nov. 3. He was a prominent member of the Tovey Soldiers Farewell club before he enlisted in the spring of 1917.

LEMOYNE LANTZ SAFE.

Lemoyne Lantz of this city reported to his grandmother, Verlinda Lantz, by the war department as missing in action Oct. 25, is with the Aemy of Occupation in Germany, according to a letter written by him to his family here on Nov. 24. His regiment, the 102 infantry, had just completed a 210 .ilometer hike and he said he felt fine.

ENSIGN WILSON HOME.

Ensign John Wilson of Taylorville, commissioned in 1917, after eight years in the U. S navy, who has been with the overseas U. S. submarine flotilla ever since Admiral Simms went across, arrived in Taylorville for a four days' leave Tuesday morning. He came from New York, where he will return Thursday.

Lieut. Lloyd Anderson, who has been acting as in instructor at Camp Stanley, Tex., arrived at the home of his father, Samuel Anderson, Tuesday evening. Lieut. Anderson has his honorable discharge from the service. He was formerly a sergeant in the 327th field artillery at Camp Taylor.

OTHER NEWS.

Captain D. F. Morton of the Otis hospital unit in Liverpool, England, writes Mrs. Morton here from Dublin, Ireland, that he and two brother officers are on a tour of Ireland and Scotland. He adds that the unit will be held in England until all the American troops are embarked for home, when it may return to the states or be ordered to France.

The Goodfellow club of Taylorville raised over $600 for Christmas baskets for the poor. The baskets were distributed by the Red Cross Motor corps girls Tuesday afternoon The corps was in uniform and made a smart appearance.

That Lieut. Slater Vollentine was not killed in action in France is the report wired to his family here by his cousin, Lieut.-Col Leonard Drennan of the regular army, who Tuesday visited the war department and found no entry opposite the young Taylorville officer's name.

Has His Revolver.

Ike Partee and Andrew Forbes, both colored, were arrested Tuesday night by Captain Whitten and Officers Lynch and Pound in the 500 block North Jasper street, charged with fighting. Forbes pleaded guilty before Justice H. C. Noble and was fined $4.80.

A state warrant was also sworn out for Partee, charging him with carrying concealed weapons. Chief Wills has Partee's revolver.

ASK MAROA RURAL ROUTE BACK AGAIN

Maroa, Dec. 25.—A petition is being circulated and generally signed by the farmers north and west of town for the re-establishment of rural route No. 4 out of Maroa. This route was abandoned several months ago, and many farmers on this former route are now without rural mail service.

BUYS DECATUR PROPERTY.

W. G. Phares has purchased property in Decatur and expects to retire from farming and move to that city some time in February. The farm which belongs to the W. M. Phares estate and which he and Oscar Phares have occupied for nearly twenty-five years, has been rented to H. K. Beasley.

The funeral of Garton W. Clough was held at the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended, considering the weather. Rev. E. U. Smith preached the sermon and the burial was at the Maroa cemetery.

Gay Wysong of Assumption was here Tuesday visiting his mother.

Miss Rena Gray, who is attending the University of Illinois, is spending the holidays with home folks.

Miss Mary Conover is home from Nashville, Tenn., to spend the holidays with her parents. She is attending school there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Keiser and son Harry left Tuesday for Chicago to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Anthony Stoutenborough surprised his parents and relatives Monday when he came home from camp on a few days' furlough.

Several new cases of influenza were reported Tuesday. Most of those reported last week are slowly recovering.

Rev. E. J. Campbell was called to Chicago again Monday evening on account of the dangerous condition of Mrs. Swift and her son. He had arranged to spend Christmas with his son, Robert, at Greenfield, and may go from Chicago there.

M. C. Wilkie and his nephew have rented the Lewis Bennett building on North Walnut street and will open a meat market there within a few days.

Miss Florence Swan of Pontiac and Miss Lilian Swan of Minneapolis, Minn., are here to spend the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Dr. C. M. Wood.

CHICKEN DINNER AT COUNTY FARM

58 Will Sit Down for Christmas Meal.

Chicken dinner was served today to the inmates of the county infirmary and chicken dinner will of course mean everything that should properly go with it. It was a Christmas dinner served in Mrs. Gepford's best style and everybody who sat down to that meal was reminded for that day and occasion of happier days.

There were fifty-eight sit down to Christmas dinner in the infirmary, not counting the help This is small for mid-winter. There are usually seventy in the infirmary by Christmas. This year the number is low because there has been no snow. The snow birds will arrive immediately after the first snow storm. There are always a number of those who keep walking as long as the going is good.

The inmates this year include seven boys sent to the infirmary by the court. They do not properly belong there, that is as permanent inmates. They will be disposed of in some other way. Leaving out these youthful charges the number of inmates will be reached to fifty-one which is considerably below normal.

Mrs. Gepford says that the associated charities has had the effect of reducing the number of charges at the county infirmary. She thinks that the charity organization helps some folks to make their own way instead of putting them entirely in charge of the county.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN MOWEAQUA HOME

Moweaqua Dec. 25—Mrs. H. F. Day again has her eight children home for Christmas holidays, and a very merry party it is, composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Day and Miss Eloise Day of Pontiac, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrington's family of Assumption Mr. and Mrs. Elkins Chandler and family of Decatur, Mr and Mrs. J. G. Porter of Newark N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kilborn and sons and Miss March of Chicago; Miss Edna Day, who has been in Michigan.

Glen Adams and Harley Stormbaugh of Illinois University are at home.

Mrs. H. A. Ewart is visiting her mother and sisters in Wisconsin.

Miss Mary Bumpus of Chicago is visiting Mrs. Charles Ahl and Mrs. Clark Hedges and families.

C. R. Whiston of Chicago joined his family here for Christmas.

James Hedges and Jesse Coultas have returned from Camp Taylor, having been discharged from the service.

Miss Lilian Frazer of Illinois University is home for the holidays.

[illegible] Snell has gone to Terre Haute to [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snell.

Miss Mildred Stewart of Illinois University is spending Christmas at home.

Roy Richardson, who belongs to a band on the U. S. S. Kansas, is home for a short furlough

Mrs. R. M. Adams is entertaining the Frank Stroud family of Maroa.

Word has been received that James [illegible] in the service at Washington, died with influenza.

The funeral of Mrs. Tom Millington was held [illegible] afternoon at her late home, the Rev. E. V. [illegible] Rev. Frank Campbell and Rev. J. H. Cogan officiating. The pallbearers were Roy Snyder, Roy [illegible] Charles Howard, Leslie Smith, Haldon Arata and Ed Betharda. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Interment was in the North Cemetery, beside her husband who was buried three days before. Out of town people attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Millington of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Couner of St. Louis.

Kenneth Snyder is home from Wesleyan University for Christmas.

Miss Marjorie Dobson of Normal University is spending the holidays at home.

Mrs. Viola Hudson expects her son James Hudson, home from France this week. She will have her children home for Christmas. Miss Lena Hudson of Decatur came Tuesday.

A message was received that Mrs. A. H. Brinker, long an invalid, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Longenbaugh, at Bloomington, where she was visiting. She leaves an aged husband and two daughters.

Stephen Nalbach is home from Youngstown, Ohio, to visit his parents.

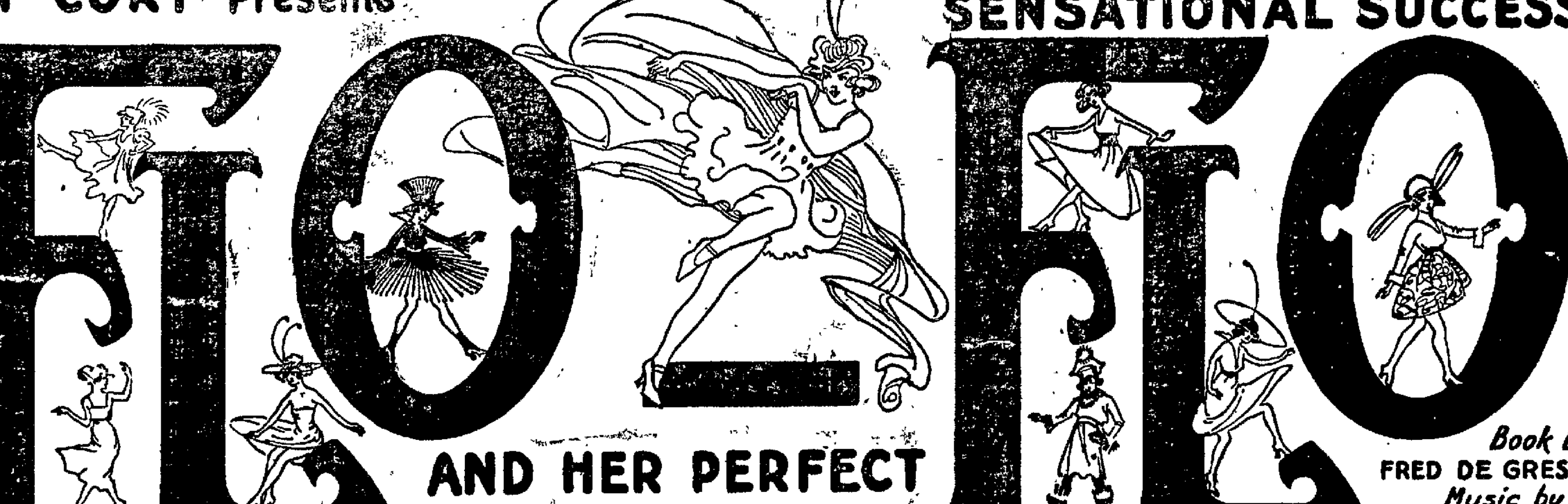
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Today and Thursday
Continuous Show Today, 2:00 to 11:00—Open Through the Supper Hour
FIRST TIME IN DECATUR
MARY PICKFORD
—IN—
"Johanna Enlists"
A little girl on a lonely farm who is simply dying for a beau—the only fellow she ever saw that she liked was a "beautiful" brakeman who went by very fast.
Then a camp opens up near by, and the farm is literally swarming with beaux in no time. Mary thinks she is not pretty enough and takes a milk bath, and one of the officers happens to call at a very awkward moment—you know how it is on a farm—no proper arrangements and all that—still, see this, the very best picture little Mary ever made.
It will be a real Christmas treat for the children. Bring them.
Also Burton Holmes' Travel Pictures
LOWER FLOOR 15c WAR TAX INCLUDED
BALCONY 10c WAR TAX 1c EXTRA

Avon Theatre
TODAY
The management wishes the people of Decatur a very Merry Christmas.
Our Christmas present to Decatur is a season's treat.


CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
—IN—
"The Reason Why"
Miss Young is supported by Milton Sills, Florence Billings, Frank Losee and others, each a star in his own right.
—ALSO—
Mutt and Jeff Comedy
Continuous Show—2:00 to 11:00 P. M.
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May the Wish Strengthen the Ties of Our Friendly Business Relations.
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A Galaxy of Gorgeously Gowned Girls
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DEDICATION OF HONOR ROLL

Presentation by Mayor, Response by Dean Hessler, Music by Band and by the Audience, Then Lights Come On.

The Honor Roll erected in Central Park in ap_ ociation of the services of the men from Decatur and Macon county who went into the army and navy of the United States during the grea wor l war, was formally dedicated Tuesday evening at 5 30 o'clock at the park.

The stiff north wind which swept down the streets and across the little open space caused the crowd which attended the dedication to be much smaller than was expected, probably not over a thousand people being present when the heavy canvas was withdrawn from the illuminated stone grey structure.

SPEAKERS AND MUSIC

Exactly at 5:30 o'clock Mayor Dan Dinneen and Dean J. C. Hessler who were to speak at the dedication, D. M. Swarthout who was to lead the singing, a dozen members of the Goodman band, Miss Lorraine Sullivan and Mrs. Hinton, mother of Florence Hinton, the nurse who died in France, came to the platform erected near the honor roll board.

After the playing of "The National Emblem March" by the band the crowd joined in singing "America" under the leadership of Mr. Swarthout who then introduced Mayor Dan Dinneen who made the presentation address.

Acceptance of the memorial was made by Dean J. C. Hessler after the singing of "Joy to the World."

LIGHTS ON

The illumination of the board was formally turned on by Miss Lorraine Sullivan who has two brothers on the list on the roll and then the crowd sang the French national hymn, the "Marseillaise," in honor of the Municipal Christmas tree which shone forth near the board in decorations of colored lights in remembrance of the fatherless children of France.

Before the crowd was dismissed the Christmas hymn, "Adeste Fideles" and the "Star Spangled Banner" were sung

MEN IN UNIFORM

The great number of men in uniform in the crowd was a noticeable feature and their standing at attention during the singing of the national anthem caused many another man to think to remove his hat even in the cold wind.

"Taps" sounded by Serg. Bagley ended the ceremony in a most impressive and significant manner.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

In his address of presentation of the Honor Roll Mayor Dinneen said "Fellow Citizens: We are assembled here this evening to dedicate this Honor Roll, showing in a small measure the graditude, appreciation and honor of the people of Decatur and Macon county to our boys and women, too, who have been in the war service of the Government in the great world war. It seems fitting that this service should be held at this time, when we have in mind the great victory for justice, liberty and democracy in which the American army had such an important and decisive part, and in which many of our Decatur and Macon county boys have shown splendid courage and heroism, and at this time, the holiest and most joyful of all festivals, Christmas.

NOW IS THE TIME.

"It is very gratifying that so many of our boys in whose honor this memorial has been erected are back with us, and here to take part in this dedication. It has been the custom of all nations to honor their soldiers who have fallen in battle by the erection of monuments, which is right and proper, and will be carried out in every community throughout this nation, but the people of Decatur and Macon county have felt that in this, the greatest of all wars, all who did their duty in the past, assigned to them, and have been permitted to return to us alive, should receive some recognition and honor. The slogan, "If you think that honor is due him, now is the time to hand it to him," has been adopted, for he cannot read a monument when he is dead.

"We have gold stars on our Honor Roll too. For these we have a deep and profound sorrow, but we have with their parents and relatives the consolation they died in defense of the greatest principles men ever fought for, and their heroism and sacrifice will live forever in the hearts of a grateful people.

"We hope this memorial will be a pleasant reminder to those to whom it is dedicated, of the sentiment of our people and it will recall to all of us our duty by our lives and actions to perpetuate the great principles these boys so victoriously defended.

"And it is with a deep sense of honor, a pleasure, that I now present, on behalf of the association, this memorial to the soldiers, sailors and all in service, and to the people of Decatur and Macon county."

DEAN HESSLER'S ACCEPTANCE

In accepting the honor roll on behalf of the men who are in service, Dean J. C. Hessler, of Millikin University, who has a son in France, said:

"Four years ago the world was shocked to its foundations by the word that the German military machine had broken loose in Europe. At first we Americans looked upon its ravages as belonging only to the Old World and as having only a passing interest for ourselves. But as the struggle grew and as we learned of the way in which the Central Empires were waging it, we became sick at heart, for we saw the real aim of the Teutonic leaders; this was nothing less than the military conquest of mankind. Can we ever forget the days when our leaders began to ask whether this civilization of ours was worth defending and when we answered with a mighty "Yea!" Then we prepared ourselves for our share in the struggle. We voted aid to the Allies, we equipped the Red Cross, we voted selective service, we took over transportation, communication, and industry for the purposes of war.

GREATEST CALL FOR MEN.

"But the greatest call of the nation was for men. How they came. From North and South, from store and farm, from school and factory they swarmed to the training camps. Here the miracle of the ages was performed once more and we saw free men, who had chafed at the thought of restraint at home, enter joyously into the building of the wonderful military machine of Freedom It was this willingness of our men to surrender personal rights for the sake of a greater liberty that won the the war.

MANY DIED FOR IDEAL.

"Who are these men whom we delight to honor? A year and a half ago they were the boys and young men of our city and county. They looked forward to no heroic life, to no outstanding deeds, save as all youth has its ambition to excell. They had no preparation for war except physical strength, initiative and the will to win. But coming from the common clay of our daily life, they, caught the vision of a great ideal of human destiny. For it they gave up their homes, their business, their plans. For if they trained themselves and made ready to endure the loss of all that life holds dear. For it many have died. This great ideal that has taken hold of our men has transformed them. As they return even from the training camps, we see that there is in their eyes the light that comes from seeing the truth, face to face.

GLORIFY DREAM OF HUMANITY.

"We are gathered to dedicate this memorial to them. Our purpose in erecting it is not to please ourselves, in order that we may glory in this or that lad of our own blood, who has shed luster upon the American name. Our greatest purpose is not even to glorify these men and women, much as we honor and love them. Our great purpose is rather, to glorify their dream of our humanity. We want to urge our men and women as they come home, to live among us in the glory of that ideal, as they saw it in those days of struggle We wish them to know that we, too, have caught something of that vision and that we are all to live in it for the days to come. What we do here this Christmas Eve will hold us and them to a higher ideal of life and of the meaning of sacrifice. When competition and strife would lead us to forget our brotherhood, and our duty to those peoples, our allies, we shall turn to the Roll of Honor and remember. We shall be reminded that our lads went away, ready to give up the hope of return, not for narrow aim or selfish fame, but that all men everywhere might breathe the air of freedom They did it for that great brotherhood whose name is Mankind.

WILL INSPIRE US.

"Mr. Mayor, cherishing this high ideal of our civic duty and of our duty to our country and mankind, we, the people of Decatur and Macon county, accept this memorial. We shall always look to it for inspiration, for it will tell us, better than anything else can, to what lengths we must all go if we wish righteousness to be established in the earth"

SONGS AND FUN AT SOLDIER BANQUET

Curtis Busher Will Lead Singing.

The program for the first of the banquets to the returned soldiers and sailors is being looked after by Curtis Busher and a program of fun and experiences is promised for Friday evening.

Vaudeville acts from the Empress have been promised to add to the entertainment and some of the soldiers who have had interesting experiences are to tell about them.

War songs will be sung under Busher's "peppy" leadership and a good time, with no cold formalities to mar th evening, will be the goal of the committee having in charge the supper and the program.

The returned soldiers and sailors will be the guests of the Y. Others will pay fifty cents for the ticket to the supper. As there will be about 150 men from the service alone it is expected that the capacity of the gymnasium and the ability of the Y to serve will be reached before Friday.

GOOSE AND CIGARS AT THE JAIL

Many Years Since Were as Few Christmas Prisoners There.

The prisoners in the county jail were given a fine Christmas dinner by Sheriff and Mrs. Peniwell. They had roast goose with dressing, mashed pototoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, bread, butter and coffee, and the coffee had sugar and real cream in it. Sheriff Peniwell also gave each one a good cigar.

There are only eight prisoners now in the county jail. A week ago there were only six, and that is the smallest number ever confined there at one time in the last twenty years.

CITY GUESTS.

Joseph Hardy, aged seventy-two, of La Salle, and Henry Waver, aged sixty-three, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., were the only ones to apply for lodging in the city rest rooms Christmas Eve.

Two offenders awoke in the city holdover Christmas morning. One was a fighter and the other a plain drunk.

MRS. APPLEBAUM DEATH A SHOCK

Ill Only Three Days with Pneumonia.

Mrs. Mollie Applebaum, wife of Harry Applebaum, 624 East Eldorado street, died at 7:30 o clock Tuesday evening at St. Mary's hospital. She was twenty-eight years old. Her death was caused by pneumonia, after an illness of only three days. Mrs. Applebaum is survived by her husband and one son, Irvin Applebaum, aged six years. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Lewis, of Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Lewis and Samuel Lewis arrived from Milwaukee Tuesday afternoon and went at once to the hospital Mrs Applebaum was conscious at that time and recognized them and appreciated their words of sympathy at her serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Applebaum have made their home in Decatur for the past six years, coming to this city from Milwaukee in 1912. Mrs. Applebaum was well known and made many friends during her residence in Decatur, not only among those of her own faith, but others as well, and she was esteemed and respected by all as a good neighbor, wife and mother. The fact that she was seriously ill was known to comparatively few, and her death was a great shock to her many friends, and especially to the Jewish community. She was a leader in war work and all other charitable works. She will be greatly missed.

The body was removed to the Moran undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. The funeral will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at Moran's chapel. Rev. Mr. Bloom of Springfield. The burial will be at Fairlawn cemetery.

OTHER DEATHS

William Grant Burkholder, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse K. Burkholder, died at the family residence, 2650 North Church street, Tuesday night, of influenza. He was born Dec. 7, 1918. Mrs. Burkholder was formerly Miss Nellie Irons of this city. Mr. Burkholder is confined to his bed by an attack of influenza. The body was removed to the Brintlinger & Sons undertaking establishment and prepared for burial.

FUNERALS.

The body of Eddie Graham son of Mr. and Mrs Haldon Graham, 1075 North Water street, will be taken to Mowenqua Thursday morning and the funeral will be held there.

P. O. CLEANS UP HOLIDAY MAIL

Five Autos and a Wagon Besides Helpers.

With five automobiles and a wagon, with a helper for every carrier, the work of delivering the Christmas mail at the Decatur post office was going forward Christmas morning on a systematic schedule which was clearing out the packages as fast as the trains brought them in.

ALL DELIVERED.

Never before has such a bulk of mail been so successfully handled and by the middle of the afternoon it was expected to have delivered every packagé which could be delivered in Decatur.

At business houses which were not opened, of course holiday mail was not delivered, but all through the residence district the system established enabled the carriers to get through a heavy day's work and still not have the big drag left over for the next day as has often happened in the Decatur office at other times.

WEATHER HELPED.

The perfect winter day added much to the ability of the carriers to get their work one. With good going under foot the difficulties encountered on Christmas days when blizzards have raged or the sidewalks have been slippery with snow and ice were not present and schedules were maintained as regularly as in normal times.

"The best work we have ever done in a holiday season," said Fred Stoewsand, the veteran assistant postmaster.

"The janitor can come in almost any time to sweep out. We are keeping the boxes and floors so well cleaned up."

FIFTY SOON TO REACH DECATUR

Reports of Returning Soldiers Sent Local Labor Bureau.

That many of the soldiers who are in the camps are soon to be home was indicated by the bunch of fifty cards which the Decatur labor bureau received from the labor directors at three camps. These cards are about men who have just been discharger and who have expressed themselves in regard to the work they want to do.

Fifty in one mail is the largest number the local bureau has yet received and shows that the men are being sent out very rapidly.

Many of the men are expecting to return to their original positions but some have indicated a preference for something different.

BOLSHEVIKI HOLD AMERICANS

By Associated Press.

Odessa, Friday, Dec. 20.—The Bolsheviki have arrested American Consul Treadwell at Tashkent, Russian Turkestan, according to a wireless message received here.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR EVERY PATIENT

Turkey Dinners at the Hospitals.

Christmas is being observed in the Decatur hospitals and homes by Christmas trees and real Christmas dinners.

At the Decatur and Macon County hospital there were little trees for each patient and every one was well remembered. At noon a Christmas turkey was served, and there were all of the usual Christmas dishes, ending with a New England plum pudding nuts, fruit and candies

At the Wabash hospital there was a turkey dinner, and at St. Mary's there was a spring chicken dinner There were services at St. Mary's hospital at midnight, but the music which had been furnished during the afternoon by the high school students in other years, will be omitted this year because of the "flu."

AT WELFARE HOME.

The nine little girls who are at the Welfare home today had their Christmas tree this morning, and each child had a dressed doll, a book, a pocket book with ten pennies and other personal gifts. At noon they had a fine Christmas dinner, beginning with chicken and ending with ice cream fruit, nuts and candy.

PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN.

The children at the Anna B. Millikin home had their Christmas tree last night, and each child received many presents There was an informal program given by some of the children at this time, and it was a happy party, for every one.

At noon today they had a turkey dinner furnished by the members of the board. Mrs John Rainey furnished the turkeys for this dinner. There are 40 children and four old ladies in the home now and their Christmas has been a merry one.

STRONG ON MUSIC FOR PRESENTS

$5,000 for Records—Twenty Pianos one Man.

Just one little item of the Christmas trade—a man who is right in the business makes the statement that $450 a day spent for talking machine records for the last two weeks of the Christmas trade is a very conservative guess on the money spent for "canned music" in Decatur. Over $5,000 alone for that one item here in this city seems a large amount but this man says that the amount will be more rather than less.

MANY PIANOS

But the business, even in the musical line, was not confined to the smaller things. One piano salesman alone has over twenty pianos to his credit in the past two weeks and some of these instruments were those grand pianos with players which sold as high as $1350 each.

In talking machines the town is well sold out, the most popular makes being entirely gone, particularly in the numoers selling from $100 to $250 each.

AUTOS TOO

A number of automobiles were given for Christmas gifts but not as many as in other years because of the uncertainty in regard to price. Several however were bought and delivered as gifts today.

In the ordinary lines of business the last day merely confirmed the signs of the days before.

EATABLES

Tuesday was essentially the day for the buying of the fancy things for the table and the amount of poultry, fine fruits and candy which was sold was astonishing. There seemed to be no limit to the amount of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys which could be sold. It was largely a question of getting the birds dressed as few people here now care to buy poultry alive.

One concern sold half a ton of mixed nuts in one day and all kinds of fancy fruits were taken. Apples at a dime each sold readily and baskets of fancy fruits put up by the dealers sold from $2 to $7 each.

UNIVERSITY OF PERU OLD ONE

People of northern countries who read of the threatening disturbances in South America, think of the South American nations as but partially civilized.

As a matter of fact, nearly a century before John Harvard founded the famous university at Cambridge, Mass., the University of San Marcos in Lima had been established. Earthquakes and war have frequently damaged it, but it rises greater than before.

San Marcos is patterned after the famous European university of Salamanca. It was originally chartered by the emperor, Charles V.

The institution counts among the scholars it has turned out not only natives of Peru, but leaders of thought and the profession in other South American countries.

BIGGEST BUSINESS FOR RAILROADS

Everybody Going Somewhere Regardless of the Expense

"The last few days before Christmas furnished the biggest local business in the history of Decatur ticket offices," says C. A. Lavery, passenger and ticket agent for the Illinois Central. Everybody was apparently going somewhere regardless of expenses. There were no holiday rates, of course, and all travelers paid the regular rate of three cents a mile.

There was a big local travel on the C. I. & W. and the Illinois Central Wednesday morning, although the business did not approach that of two days before.

DEEDS RECORDED.

E. O. Simmons to W. F. Jones, lot 16, Elm Ridge; $1,400.

GIVE PRESENTS TO THE WORKERS

Christmas Bonuses from Decatur Employers.

THOUSANDS TOTAL

$4,480 in War Savings Stamps by One Firm.

Following the custom which they started last Christmas the officials of the Decatur Bridge Co., gave to their employes handsome Christmas bonuses in the form of War Savings Stamps.

Just how much the total of the bonus was that was distributed at that big factory is not stated but it is known that $4,480 worth of War Savings Stamps were bought by the firm Tuesday. The basis for figuring the bonus paid this year to the employes of the firm was one per cent of their 1918 salaries for every year that they had worked for the firm. One man received sixteen per cent of such salary as he had been with the firm that many years

AT THE LEADER.

The Leader Iron Works gave bonuses ranging in amount from $2 to $51.75 depending on the length of time the employe had been with the firm. In a letter to the employes, T. E. O'Brien, president of the firm said:

"To the Employes of the Leader Iron Works:

"No time during the year is so appropriate for summing up the events of the season and measuring the combined efforts of employee and employer as at Christmas time. Each can look back over the year and analyze what they have accomplished for one another.

"The amounts in money and War Savings Stamps being distributed today to our factory employes, range from $2 to $51.75, depending on the length of time in the employ of the company, and the wages earned. The plan in effect provides that employes remaining in the service of the company will receive a proportionately larger amount each Christmas.

"Our reason for distributing a few War Savings Stamps in part to those whose allotment amounts to more than $10, is at the urgent request of Postmaster Bering, in behalf of the U. S. Government, who, like all citizens of Macon county, wants to sell our full quota of stamps. There is nothing compulsory however, about keeping these stamps. They can be cashed at the Post Office on ten days' notice, and no questions will be asked; but if you are able to keep them and add to them from time to time, it is a most excellent means of saving

"We wish all a Merry Christmas and extend our thanks for the loyalty and co-operation of our employes during the past year. We look forward to a long period of prosperity, and fully recognize the important part that labor holds in the building of this industry"

AT STALEY'S.

At the Staley Manufacturing Co., mills the office employes got back at the officials in handsome style by giving Mr. Staley a fine Shriners' pin set with diamonds, the foreman presented Factory Superintendent G. E. Chamberlain with a handsome rug for his home and the office men gave him a fine traveling case fully equipped.

Out in the plant itself the men presented the foremen with gifts in remembrance of their association together in the work of the past year, one foreman being given a gold watch by the men under him.

GIVE CASH.

The Faries and Walrus Manufacturing companies gave the customary dollar bill to each employe and the Decatur Lumber and Manufacturing Co., also made cash gifts.

The Lyon Lumber Co., gave a percentage of the salary earned in 1919.

FRANK MARTIN MADE SERGEANT

Tells His Experience on November 11.

Mrs Charlotte Martin, 1241 South Maffit street, has received a letter from her son, Sergeant Frank Martin, now overseas. Sergeant Martin tells of the receiving of the news of the signing of the armistice in the front lines. He writes;

"Dear Mother: Just a line to let you know that I am still in the best of health and expect to remain the same until we get back to the good old U. S. A. I don't think that you will have to worry any more about my returning, for from the way things look just now everything will be over just as soon as the Huns get back into their own country. There is sure one day that will never be forgotten and that is the eleventh month, the eleventh day, and at the eleventh hour, on the front line.

"I was there at the time and we were just getting ready to go over the top when orders came out to stop firing on the front line. That was about 9 a. m., but the large guns kept up till 11 a. m. After that one could hear nothing but the the loud cheering of the men It sure did seem odd, for just a few hours before about all we could see or hear was the big guns flying or shells exploding. A man hardly dared get out of his hole for fear he might be seen But it is altogether different now. Every one was out walking around and some had their small tents up and had fires started to keep warm by. It sure was cold, and it seemed odd to have fires on the line after night. When one goes out at night now it puts one in mind of the Fourth of July in the states. The sky is all lit up with rockets and flares. I am still on the front line, or what used to be the front, and expect to move up behind the Hun as he leaves.

"Mother I have been made a sergeant since I wrote last

"Your loving son

"FRANK MARTIN."

In another previous letter he says:

"October 22.

GETS TWENTY LETTERS.

"Dear Mother—We are not back guarding provisions any more but have gone over the top once Don't know just where we are going from here, but expect to move within the next day or two and don't think it will be up to the front. Say, I sure did get a lot of mail while I was at the front Twenty letters in two days. There were two or three from all of you. When they brought the first bunch it was dark and we were going over the top the next morning and I wanted to read them before we started, and you know we are not allowed to have any lights up there, so I began to think how I could fix it so I could read them. I went out and got all the blankets that I could find and brought them back and covered my dugout. It was only a hole in the ground which I made myself and was just large enough for one. But anyway I covered it all up so that no light could get out and believe me, I sure read for a while I am sending you a coupon with which you can send me a Christmas box Be sure and put in a good fountain pen, as I broke mine and haven't been able to get another one over here yet. With love to you all,

"FRANK MARTIN."

SMOKES FOR THE FIREMEN

Had Right at Stallions, With Apples by the Box.

The city firemen received lots of smokes and apples for Christmas Commissioner John F Maltes sent a box of cigars to each of the four fire houses.

Others who sent boxes of cigars to the firemen were The Bohon store, Monson & Wilcox, Charles Starr, Will Starr, M. L. Harry, Schudel Bros, Fred Young, Will Young and John McAllister.

John Rogers sent the firemen two big boxes of fine apples, and Mrs. Emma Keck sent a check for $10 for the firemen's pension fund.

In addition to handsome neckties presented by Chief Wills to the members of the police department M. L. Harry sent them a box of cigars

Holiday Visitors.

Mrs. C. P. Stouffer, formerly Miss Grace Stuart is here from Chicago spending Christmas with her parents.

Mr and Mrs. H. W. Dawson and their son are here from St. Louis to spend Christmas.

Miss Lydia Huber is spending Christmas at home in Mahomet, Ill.

Mrs Isabella Harris, of Chicago, is spending the holidays with her sister Mrs H. H. Wise, and also her mother, Mrs. Nancy Malone, who is staying at the home of Mrs. Wise, 655 South Oakland avenue.

Miss Fagen to Return.

Miss Frances Fagen at present at Washington, D. C., has been offered a position as teacher in the Decatur schools. Miss Fagen was formerly a teacher in the Pugh school and left here last year to take a government position. She wrote a few days ago that she was resigning and wished to take up teaching again.

PERSHING PINS DECORATION



General Pershing pinned the Distinguished Service Cross on Private Nick Connors of the 42nd division, infantry, for bravery at Chateau-Thierry. Bestowal of the reward is here shown.

Scraps of News

AUTO STOLEN.

K. K. Pound reported to the police at 12:30 o'clock that his Chandler touring car had been stolen from the 1300 block North Main street. The car has white wire wheels and a 1300 block North Main street. The car was found by Harold Haines near Warrensburg early Wednesday morning, teh thieves having abandoned it.

WAIT FOR PEANUTS.

There has been a waiting list for peanuts at one of the downtown stores since Saturday. Last night at 8 o'clock people were waiting for peanuts to come out of the roasters. The store was dealing them out in small lots, and big orders were not looked on with favor.

FEW OUT.

Few people were on the streets Wednesday morning. The stores were all closed and the cold north wind kept folks close to their firesides while the Christmas presents were opened and examined leisurely during the morning.

FOR HOLIDAYS

Sergeant John Howley, formerly a Decatur motorcycle officer, is home from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to spend the holidays.

WIRE STOLEN.

E. E. Dickson, night watchman for the Central Union Telephone company at the store room back of the Hartley plant, corner of Franklin and Decatur streets, reported to the police that some on had stolen about 100 pounds of copper wire.

CALL AGAIN.

The fire department was called to the Wabash round house at 2:40 on Wednesday morning by a false alarm. If the party who turned in the alarm will call at any of the fire houses he will be presented with a Christmas gift that he will always remember.

SANG CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT HOMES

Young People out Early in Automobiles.

A half dozen or more automobiles filled with young people from the different churches drove about the city Wednesday morning singing Christmas carols Most of the groups were out more than an hour. It had been planned that all should meet at the transfer house and start out at the same time, but some of the cars were late in getting there, so the trips were started at different times.

VISITED SHUT-INS

The young folks not only sang on the streets, but stopped at the hospitals, Millikin home, and the homes of shut-ins. At some of these places they took flowers. The trips were enjoyed by the young folks, as well as by the people who heard them sing.

WITH PLEASURE

Some singing was done on the streets about 1 o'clock this morning by a car full of young people who went about town. The singing at that early hour was listened to with pleasure by those who heard it.

TRAIN REPORTED STUCK IN SNOW

Wabash No. 28 Due at 3:15 A. M. Had Not Arrived at Noon.

Wabash train No. 28 from Kansas City, which is due to arrive in Decatur at about 3:15 in the morning, had not appeared at noon Wednesday and there was an unconfirmed report that it was struck in a snow drift on the west side of the Mississippi.

Train dispatchers at Decatur do not work west of Decatur and therefore no direct news of the trains was to be had, but the report is probably true. A foot of snow is reported at Kansas City and there is snow every where west of Springfield.

USE 'PHONE TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Make Early Morning Rush For the Operators.

"Merry Christmas" by telephone is a way some people take to express their best wishes to their friends. As a result there was a little rush at the telephone office early Christmas morning. During the rest of the day, however, there was only the ordinary amount of business.

The telephone office had its Christmas rush, however, on Monday and Tuesday. A great many extra calls were handled during those two days, and in fact the business could scarcely be handled, as the office is still short of help owing to sickness and other reasons.

Some of the telephone girls were remembered with Christmas gifts by patrons.

NEW "FLU" CASES.

New cases of influenza are announced in the following families.

F. Kowalski, 1437 Marietta; E. Schlem, 743 Grand; McClellan, 238 Spring; Mrs. M. E. Rose, 300 East Wood; Mrs. M. Colby, 350 East Wood; John Ridgley, 300 West Eldorado Cecil Current, 1159 East Cantrell; Mrs. J. Peniwell, 835 East Cleveland; E. H. Ruff, 1537 North Main; M. E. Conard, 1040 West Wood. Frank Baugher, 1287 North Calhoun; James Bain, 1320 East Wood; Mrs. Long North Stone street; M. A. Grace, 1041 East Main; Mrs. W. P. Shade, 300 East Wood.

CHANGED TRAFFIC HANDLING PLAN

Crowd Not Large Enough to Necessitate Closing Water Street.

As time for the dedication of the Honor Roll in Central park came on Tuesday evening it was seen that owing to the bad weather there would be a smaller crowd than expected and therefore no reason for excluding the Christmas traffic from Water street.

Chief of Police Wills had stationed officers at the street intersections, but at 5:05 took them away and let the vehicles and street cars go through. No vehicle was allowed to stop in the street in front of the board. Some of the spectators stood on the west side of Water street to get out of the keen wind.

The change in the plan was for the benefit of the public who were using the streets, and it worked out that way.

IKE POISEL IS KILLED IN ACTION

Official News Comes to Wife in Decatur.

HE DIED ON OCT. 1

Left Bethany in April—to France in July.

Mrs. Mildred Poisel, 1635 North Edward street, received official word Tuesday night by telegram from the war department that her husband, Ike Poisel, had been killed in action on Oct. 1. Mrs. Poisel had had no word from her husband since before October and had begun to fear that something had happened.

LAST WORD OF HIM

She had heard some news about him indirectly. In a letter written home by a Lovington soldier mention was made of the fact that he had seen Mr. Poisel in a hospital, but supposed by that time he was out. Evidently he did leave the hospital and was late; killed in action. He was in the hospital because of being gassed, but he had improved fast.

TO FRANCE IN JULY

Mr. Poisel was drafted at Bethany, and was sent to the coast in April, going over to France in July. He had been over the top several times, he first time in August.

He was formerly employed at the Decatur Coffin company. His wife, who was Mildred McGuire of Bethany, was formerly the postmistress at Bethany.

MARRIED YEAR AGO.

The couple were married a year ago on Thanksgiving.

Mr. Poisel's parents live at Lovington. His brother, Paul, has just returned from camp.

Mr. Poisel was a member of the 157th division, now supposed to be in Belgium. During the time her husband has been away Mrs. Poisel has been living with her parents at 1635 North Edward street. Tuesday night she went to the home of her husband's parents at Bethany.

CANDY AND HOLLY WITH SANDWICHES

Christmas Duly Observed at the Canteen Hut.

The canteen hut was in gala attire Wednesday with the Christmas tree beautifully trimmed. Every soldier drew a bag of candy fastened with a holly wreath in addition to the cup of coffee, sandwich and cookies which are regularly served.

A picture of the hut with the canteen committee for the day was taken. The committee is captained by Mrs. H. F. Warren and eight members were present for the picture.

CLAIMS $380.71 AS HIS PROFITS

Cuban Fruit Vender Shared in the Good Holiday Business.

A Cuban fruit vender, who has been doing business in a doorway on North Water street for a few days before Christmas, Wednesday took a little time off to total up his profits. They amounted to $380 71 clear for three days work according to his figures The returns would be considered very fair by most of us who earn our dollars by the sweat of our brows.

NEW RECORD FOR FLOWER SALES

Poinsettias Favorites With Roses this Christmas Season.

The flower business for this Christmas is believed to have broken the records. The great red poinsettias at at $3 to $4 a dozen were the favorites with roses, especially the deep red beauties, a close second.

Sweet peas, violets and carnations by the thousands were also sold. Florists were using automobiles and trucks in their efforts to get the hundreds of orders delivered in time for the family Christmas dinners and remaining stocks were being rapidly depleted by the customers who stood about the florists' shops waiting for the rushed attendants to take their orders.

NEXT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME

The next basket ball game for the Decatur high school team is with the University high at Normal. There will be two games, the first and second teams playing. The game will be at Normal on January 3.

The Decatur team will practice twice in holiday week on Tuesday and Thursday.



Roads are still muddy from the recent rains, but are improving somewhat in condition.

Pana—All roads into Pana are very muddy.

Try Again.

Kansas City Star.—

We don't know what to call him,
We'd hate to make a botch,
And mispronounce a hero like great and splendid Foch.
But, anyhow, we laud him, and loudly cry, "B'gosh!—
"However they pronounce him, hurrah for General Foch!"

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